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Infra push can revive economy: RBI Guv

India's sinking economy can be salvaged by pumping big money into the infrastructure sector, RBI Governor Shaktikanta Das said on Monday. Addressing a CII event, Das urged India Inc to sharpen their focus on the infrastructure sector, as public sector investments alone won't lift the Covid-19-hit economy. He noted that the big push to mega projects like expressways and high-speed rail corridors can kickstart the economy

Parekh, Kotak for one-time loan revamp

Veteran bankers HDFC Chairman Deepak Parekh and Kotak Mahindra Bank chief Uday Kotak on Monday urged the RBI to consider a one-time restructuring of loans for the banking industry. Parekh also suggested that the loan moratorium should not be extended any further, as both individuals and companies are misusing the provision. "Please do not extend the moratorium, because even those who can pay are not paying," he added

₹4.8 lakh cr loans may turn bad this year

Loans worth a whopping ₹4.8 lakh crore may turn bad due to Covid-induced economic slowdown. This, however, is only the first estimate with revisions expected during the course of the year. According to RBI's Financial Stability Report, FY21 gross NPAs may increase to 12.5% in a baseline scenario from 8.5% in FY20. Total advances this fiscal may touch ₹110 lakh crore, which means gross bad loans could balloon to ₹13.5 lakh crore

Hospitality sector staring at ₹15L cr loss

India's tourism and hospitality sector could see losses to the tune of ₹15 lakh crore due to the ongoing coronavirus pandemic, the Federation of Associations in Indian Tourism and Hospitality said on Monday. With spike in cases all across the country, tourism supply chains have completely broken down and the sector is not expected to recover in the next five months. The apex body had earlier projected ₹5 lakh crore for the industry P10

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1,01,465
Karnataka has 1L reasons to worry

With 61,819 active cases and counting, Karnataka now only second to Maharashtra

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KARNATAKA on Monday crossed the one lakh-mark in its Covid-19 tally with the highest daily addition of 5,324 cases, pushing up the total to 1,01,465, making it only the fifth state in the country to cross the grim landmark after Maharashtra, Tamil Nadu, Delhi and Andhra Pradesh.

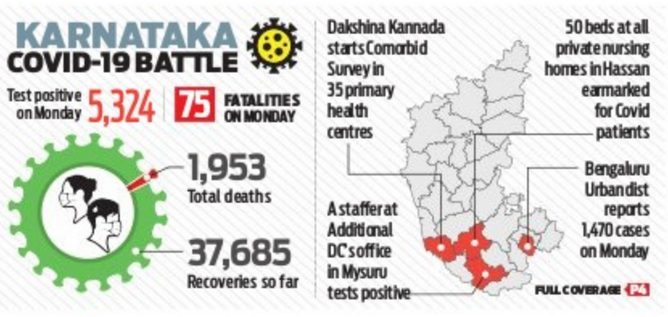
The state also stood second in the most number of active cases at 61,819 after Mahrashtra, which has 1,48,601 cases.

This is the fourth day in a row that Karnataka has added over 5,000 cases in a single day. While the state's ever-increasing positivity rate now stands at 8.41 per cent, on the brighter side, the mortality rate is steadily coming down, resting at 1.92 per cent, after having remained above 2 per cent from July 16 to July 24. With 75 deaths on Monday, the toll went up to 1,953.

There was a slight dip in recoveries with 1,847 patients discharged on Monday after recording over 2,000 discharges on each of the last four days. The state's recovery rate is now 37.14 per cent, but is still considered satisfactory despite dipping from 41.94 per cent on July 5 to 35.29 per cent on July 20. The total number of discharged patients stands at 37,685.

Bengaluru, which has been the main culprit in pushing up the state's Covid tally by adding more than 2,000 cases every day over the last few days, saw 1,470 cases on Monday. The city's recovery rate at 25.97 per cent is also far below the state's figures of 37.14 per cent. Bengaluru saw 784 discharges on Monday, bringing the total number of recovered patients to 12,189. The state capital's mortality rate at 1.95 per cent is slightly above that of the state's at 1.92 per cent. On Monday, the city saw 26 deaths, taking the toll to 917. Bengaluru Urban, with 46,923 cases, continues to top the districts with the highest tally, followed by Ballari with 4,930, Dakshina Kannada 4,925, Kalaburagi 4,495, and Udupi 3,612. MORE REPORTS: P4

A staffer checks the infrastructure at the country's biggest Covid Care Centre at the BIEC, which opened in Bengaluru on Monday | NAGARAJA GADEKAL


KARNATAKA
COVID-19 BATTLE
Test positive on Monday 5,324
75 FATALITIES ON MONDAY
1,953 Total deaths
37,685 Recoveries so far
Dakshina Kannada starts Comorbid Survey in 35 primary health centres
50 beds at all private nursing homes in Hassan earmarked for Covid patients
Bengaluru Urban dist reports 1,470 cases on Monday
A staffer at Additional DC's office in Mysuru tests positive
FULL COVERAGE P4

TWIST IN RAJ DRAMA

Guv seeks 21-day notice before calling session

RAJESH ASNANI AND RICHA SHARMA @ Jaipur/New Delhi

AMID the ongoing drama over calling the Rajasthan Assembly session to deal with the Congress revolt, Governor Kalraj Mishra continued to play for time, asking the Ashok Gehlot government to provide a 21-day notice to convene the House.

Analysts saw in it an attempt to create more wriggle room for the BJP and Sachin Pilot, who is leading the 19 rebel lawmakers. Gehlot suggested July 31 as the date for the session to commence.

Mishra wondered if a trust vote would be part of the House agenda, since Gehlot's communication to him was silent on it, though the CM was talking about it in public. Mishra also wanted to know the plan to maintain social distancing during the session because of the pandemic.

With the Governor refusing to follow the Congress timeline, the party reacted sharply. While AICC incharge Avinash Pandey called it 'anti-democratic', new state party chief G S Dotasra sought to pin down the Governor, saying four of five sessions have happened with less than 10-day notice.

"I spoke with the PM yesterday and told him about the behaviour of the Governor," Gehlot reportedly told a party meeting.

Earlier in the day, the Pilot camp suffered a jolt when the Rajasthan High Court rejected a petition of a BJP MLA questioning the merger of the six BSP MLAs with the Congress last year. P7

Rajasthan CM Ashok Gehlot during 'Save Democracy-Save Constitution' protest, at a hotel in Jaipur on Monday | PTI

No Tipu Sultan in Covid-hit Class 7 syllabus

PEARL MARIA D'SOUZA
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THE Karnataka Text Book Society (KTBS) has deleted a chapter on two of Karnataka's most prominent rulers - Haider Ali and Tipu Sultan - in addition to the historical places of Mysuru from the Class VII Social Science syllabus, citing lack of time due to the Covid pandemic.

The KTBS, under the Department of Public Instruction, has stated that Powerpoint presentations "can be made" on these topics to introduce students to Mysuru history.

Estimating the working days for the academic year 2020-21, the portions have been revised and curtailed. KTBS also released a handbook for social science teachers for Classes 6 to 10 to teach the portions in 120 days, starting September 1. This was among the handbooks for other subjects.

The handbook mentions that 'religions, architecture, sculpture and folklore of Tulunadu' will be deleted, as teachers need to focus on more important subjects. P5

47 CLONES

India bans another set of Chinese apps

ARSHAD KHAN @ New Delhi

BARELY a month after banning 59 Chinese applications, India has restricted another fresh set of 47 apps, most of which are clones of the apps banned in June.

While the government did not immediately release the names of the 47 apps, sources said the new list includes Tiktok Lite, Helo Lite, SHAREit Lite and BIGO LIVE Lite.

Sources said India is closely monitoring another 250 Chinese apps over user privacy and national security issues. The popular Tencent-backed gaming app PUBG and apps linked to Alibaba make the list.

If PUBG is banned, it will be a big blow for Chinese tech firms, as it is one of the most downloaded apps in India.

Homegrown app makers have welcomed the ban. Chingari App CEO Sumit Ghosh said Indians need to be concerned about data.

BSY: Could have achieved more if not for Covid-19

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IN a 116-page booklet that he referred to as the report card of his government's performance, Chief Minister B S Yediyurappa on Monday detailed his government's journey in the past year. Joining him via video-conference from Ramanagara was Deputy Chief Minister Dr C N Ashwath Narayan, and from Bagalkot was Deputy Chief Minister Govind Karjol, who highlighted Yediyurappa's achievements as Chief Minister.

The pan-Karnataka digital event saw ministers releasing the booklet titled 'Savalugala Varsha, Pariharada Sparsha' (Healing touch to a year of challenges) at their respective district headquarters. Deputy CM Laxman Savadi, however, was missing from the celebrations as he was in New Delhi.

"Despite several challenges, our government has ensured that the wheel of development does not halt. Despite the worst floods in 118 years, a pandemic, financial setback, losses in taxes etc, my government has the responsibility of ensuring that people are not troubled," Yediyurappa said.

The achievements of his government -- whether policy changes to help farmers, industries or compensation to various sections suffering due to drought, floods and the lockdown -- are despite the Covid-19 situation, he added.

He also listed out relief provided -- ₹207 crore to 2 lakh families affected by floods, ₹7 lakh as compensation to the kin of those who lost their lives in floods, ₹911.28 crore for houses, and ₹1,185.40 crore as crop compensation to farmers. He added that an economic package of ₹2,272 crore was announced for Covid lockdown relief.

From the APMC Act, Land Reforms Act, to amendments to Labour and Factories Act, Yediyurappa said that his government's decisions have been pro-poor and pro-farmer.

Chief Minister B S Yediyurappa looks at the booklet, Savalugala Varsha, Pariharada Sparsha, in Bengaluru on Monday | SHRIRAM BN

Big mental health crisis stares UP in the face

NAMITA BAJPAI @ Lucknow

DAYS after he returned from Surat as part of the migrant exodus, Sukesh Kant, 50, who hails from Uttar Pradesh's Lakhimpur Kheri district, tried to end his life by jumping in front of a train. Luckily, he was saved. His job at a textile mill in Surat was the sole source of sustenance. Then lockdown happened, the mill was closed and he lost his job. With a family of eight, he was in dire straits.

In Kanpur Dehat, Brijendra Gupta tried to commit suicide by drinking pesticide, but was saved. He had been working as a security guard in Delhi, but lost his job, and was forced to return home. His family of seven includes four children and an ailing mother. He said though there was wheat and rice at home bought from the ration shop, he was unable to buy other essentials and medicines for his mother.

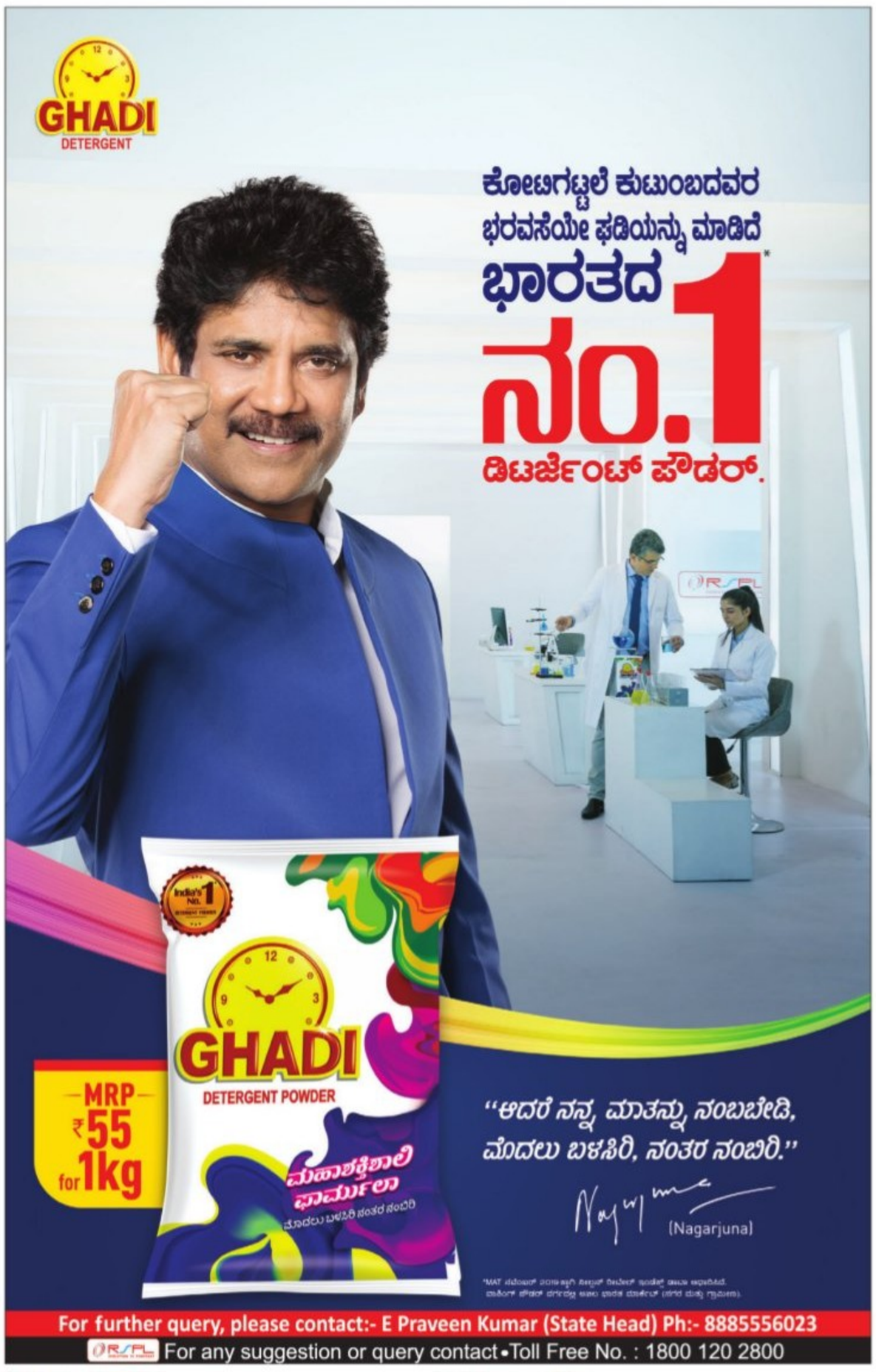
Sukesh and Brijendra are just two of the thousands of migrant workers from UP under enormous mental strain, after losing their jobs. Cash crunch, along with the scare created by the pandemic, and a sense of abandonment, has pushed many into depression. Unable to make peace, some have even taken the extreme step.

Seeking psychological counselling does not come naturally to the poor in India. Yet, 37,681 migrant workers — 30,828 males and 6,853 females — have been extended psychological support so far across UP, says Dinesh Kumar, Child Protection Officer, Unicef. Around 35 lakh workers from across the country have returned to UP since the start of the lockdown.

The Unicef is partnering the state government to provide quick intervention, sending teams of experts across the state. The Indian Psychiatry Society has found an almost 20% rise in mental health issues during the pandemic.

Helpline number

On April 2, the UP government directed mental health workers to counsel those housed in relief camps and quarantine centres. A helpline number 1800-180-5145 was launched. Also, district magistrates of all 75 districts were sent contact details of 75 counsellors to be made available to the public



ALMANAC TODAY
• **Tuesday** 28/07/2020 • **Year:** Sarvari • **Ayana :** Dakshinayana • **Ritu:** Varsha • **Masa:** Sravana • **Paksha:** Shukla • **Tithi:** Ashtami 6.50 am • **Nakshatra:** Swathi 12.15 pm • Moon in Vrischika Rashi • **Rahukaala:** 03:00 am to 04:30 am • **Gulikakala:** 12:00 pm to 01:30 pm • **Yamaganda:** 09:00 am to 10:30 am

WEATHER WATCH
MIN 21°C | MAX 28°C
FORECAST
Tstorms late. Mostly cloudy

Sunrise 6.04 am | Sunset 6.47 pm | Moonrise 1.05 pm | Moonset 12.15 am

BWSSB TO REGULARISE 20,000 ILLEGAL WATER CONNECTIONS

August 15 is informal deadline for engineers to do needful, stop water pilferage

S LALITHA @Bengaluru

TO drastically reduce water losses in the city, the Bangalore Water Supply and Sewerage Board (BWSSB), is now giving a huge thrust to regularising them. A total of 20,000-plus illegal water and sewerage connections have been identified.

On an average, 1450 Million Litres of Water per Day (MLD) are pumped to the city and a slightly reduced 1,429 MLD has been pumped during the past week. There are 9.8 lakh water connections registered with the BWSSB.

Speaking to The New Indian Express, BWSSB Chairman, N Jayaram said that nearly 36% of the water supply supply each day is unaccounted for. "Of this, 10% of the loss that

occurs is the result of parallel water connections (an additional one created after paying for one connection), unauthorised connections and meter manipulation. Our primary focus is to first cut down on this loss which will not cost us any amount at all by regularising all of them."

An informal target of August 15 was given to engineers on Monday to ensure the connections are regularised, the Chairman said.

Chief Engineer Kemparamaiah said that a whopping 13,000 connections were reported from the C-3 Sub Division alone which comprised of Coles Park, Fraser Town, Pulakeshi Nagar and surrounding areas. The remaining connections, around 7,000 are distributed across the rest of the city.

"To give priority to cracking down on these irregularities, engineers of the Maintenance Division have been asked to focus on this aspect during a meeting today. The Division has two Chief Engineers and four Additional Chief Engineers (ACE). Each ACE has been asked to identify 2,000 connections a week," Kemparamaiah said.

Asked about the possible penalty, the he said that an imprisonment of 6 months and a penalty of Rs 5,000 can be levied under the BWSSB Act. "Since water is an essential requirement for people, we have not taken very strict action. But our focus is definitely on regularizing all unauthorized connections," he added.

It is easier to book those with individual, small houses. "However, in case of huge apartments, the amount to be collected is huge with pro rata amounts to be paid too. We are creating a comprehensive database now on exact irregularity and sums will be paid," he said.

VIDYAGAMA SCHEME

Teachers to mentor students, help them connect and learn

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IN order to ensure the effective implementation of the state's ambitious Vidyagama scheme, which aims at keeping government school students connected with schools during the Covid-19 crisis, the government has come up with a draft proposal.

The proposal involves grouping students from Classes I-V, Classes VI-VIII and Classes VIII-X as per their places of residence. These students are to be divided into groups, with each batch strength not exceeding 25. Each batch will be headed by a teacher who has been picked at the school level. The teacher will guide students on various topics taken from the textbooks that the government has already supplied to schools.

The proposal points out that 30% of topics that the government has decided to cull out due to paucity of time in the academic year 2020-21 should be left out under the programme.

These batches of students will be further categorised into Intelligent, Brilliant and Genius Imaginary Rooms. Students in Intelligent Room will be imparted education and given assignments online via social networking sites

Each teacher will guide one batch of students on various topics from textbooks

'Release relief to kin of deceased teacher'

The Karnataka State Primary Teachers Association has asked the government to release the money due to the family of a teacher who died while on Covid duty, they said, adding that no hospital admitted her initially. She was finally taken to Bowring Hospital, where she passed away on July 25. "The government has said that a sum of Rs 50 lakh shall be given to the kin of a government employee who has died while on Covid duty," members of the association said.

before 9am and post 5pm. Home assignments will be given and feedback received from students in Brilliant Room via SMS, phone calls and voice messages. Students under this category will not need to use internet.

Under Genius Imaginary Room, teachers will physically meet their students at least once a week during which the latter will be mentored and given assignments for the next week. Standard Operating Procedures such as wearing masks need to be followed during the meet.

For effective implementation of this plan, the government has proposed roping in community members, old students, volunteers and functionaries of the school development management committees.

Teachers need to award students marks according to their performance in completing home assignments and projects and upload the marks on the Student achievement tracking system portal.

Transplantation of trees satisfactory, says panel

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AN expert agency — appointed by the Karnataka High Court to examine whether the BMRCL translocated trees scientifically, and if any of the remaining 59 trees can be saved while constructing the metro rail as per existing alignment — submitted its report on Monday, finding the procedure adopted for excavation and transplantation of the trees to be satisfactory.

In the report placed before a division bench comprising Chief Justice Abhay Shreeniwas Oka and Justice Sachin Shankar Magadum, the Department of Forestry, University of Agricultural Sciences, GKVK, Bengaluru, stated that three of the total enumerated trees, however, should be retained where they are, without felling or transplanting, as they do not come in the way of the alignment. One of these trees is located at Vellara Underground Metro Station (unnumbered tree), while the other two (No.55 and 56) are at Cantonment Underground Metro Station.

While saying that the procedure adopted for excavating and transplanting trees is satisfactory, the report also said that different sites identified for transplanting five of the trees were satisfactory.

Ensure system to oversee Covid care in private hospitals: HC

Bengaluru: The Karnataka High Court on Monday directed the State government to put in place a mechanism to ensure that private hospitals follow norms and also ensure a centralised ambulance system. During the hearing of a batch of Covid-related PILs, a division bench of Chief Justice Abhay Shreeniwas Oka and Justice Aravind Kumar issued the order and said the State government must also put in place a centralised system for ambulances to ensure all patients are catered to, and direct laboratories to reduce the time taken to provide test results. **ENS**

EXPRESS READ

Savadi writes to Centre for BMTC subsidy hike

Bengaluru: Transport Minister and Deputy Chief Minister Laxman Savadi wrote to Union minister Prakash Keshav Javadekar seeking a restructure of and increase in subsidy under Fame-II scheme to Rs 1 crore per Bangalore Metropolitan Transport Corporation (BMTC) bus. This is to ensure the Gross Cost Contract (GCC) price quotes come closer to the cost of diesel non-AC buses. Javadekar, also Minister of Heavy Industries and Public Enterprises, has also been requested to curtail the sanctioned 300 electric buses under the FAME-II scheme. Last year, the corporation had written to DHI seeking the same, which was, however, denied by the Centre. "The subsidy is uniform across the country, which is why our request was rejected. Hopefully, this request will go through," a BMTC source said. **ENS**

EMOTIONAL INTELLIGENCE

Students assess behaviour of animals at Bannerghatta zoo

BOSKY KHANNA @Bengaluru

WHEN you visit a zoo, do you wonder why the tiger paces around the enclosure or the bear sits in the corner? These are some questions which a group of six students found answers to as part of their project at Bengaluru Bannerghatta Biological Park (BBBP). Second year students of the BSc psychology course at Christ University also learned how animals reacted differently in the presence of their keepers and in front of strangers.

Observing the behaviour of animals is a routine affair for zookeepers, but it became a part of a psychological assessment not just for the students, but also for the management, which realised the need for an animal psychologist.

"For the first time, the zoo opened its gates to psychology students to study the behaviour of animals. They studied how and why animals behave differently. It was a service learning programme but now we are

This is the first time Bannerghatta zoo opened its gates to psychology students

looking for experts to help us understand their behaviour better," BBBP executive director Vanashri Vipin Singh told TNIE.

The students observed primates, bears and tigers while doing chores around the zoo including painting cages.

Brian Thomas, one of the students, said, "Normally students choose to study human behaviour, but we chose to study animals. We observed and learned not just the animals, but also the humans with them. It was interesting to find that animals are more comfortable with those whose smell they are familiar with. A tiger walks around its cage not just to show aggression, but to draw attention also. In the case of the bear, they stay in corners because they want to hide and are even crying," he said.

Vanashri said the students helped the management also understand the animals better as they gave different insights. "The management is now looking forward to having more insightful sessions with experts and students," she added.

Daily Starscope

PETER VIDAL

28th July : There's an extraordinary amount of hope around, in spite of everything. The end-result could take us anywhere, and the best advice is therefore to emphasise the virtues of self-discipline and self-control. Plan your day with care! That's advice we should all take, whatever our birth signs. No exceptions!

ARIES (Mar 21 - Apr. 20)
Today it's Uranus, that most distant and surprising of celestial bodies, which gives you the chance to skip the normal preliminaries in putting your ambitions into effect. Cash questions will preoccupy you later on, perhaps with unexpected results.

TAURUS (Apr. 21 - May 21)
It's fair to say that your planetary patterns are favourable, all the more so if your inclination is generally inspired, visionary even. The closer you come to practical responsibilities, the greater the need for additional care and caution.

GEMINI (May 22 - June 21)
Partners can't read your mind, so tell them what you think. If your aims are professional, and if you're planning a spot of personal promotion you could do worse than set your sights on the next few days. You may just receive a windfall, even if only on a modest scale.

CANCER (June 22 - July 23)
The Moon is normally such a sympathetic planet, but today it leaves you in no doubt that it is other people who require your loving care and sympathy. Reach out and offer the hand of support to those in need. They will pay you back in their own way - when they can.

LEO (July 24 - Aug. 23)
There's no escape from busy planetary pictures and hence no way to avoid your responsibilities. The best course may be to get as much achieved as you possibly can, in order to give yourself more scope for relaxation tomorrow and the day after. Have a break. Put your feet up!

VIRGO (Aug. 24 - Sept. 23)
You may see creative self-expression as a voluntary activity, but the planets don't agree. Today, in so many little ways, you may be compelled to be an individual and be true to your own utterly unique talents. Employers please note! And family members please take care!

LIBRA (Sept. 24 - Oct. 23)
There seems little doubt that home and family affairs will dominate your thoughts and feelings today. Even if you are determined to give the highest priority to work, it will be deep and fundamental issues which demand your attention, including your domestic relationships.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24 - Nov. 22)
Some celestial indications suggest that you may be called away from home, possibly on account of work or a similar responsibility. In any event, the main goal is to communicate clearly and make yourself properly understood. Someone else may owe you an apology, but don't hold your breath!

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23 - Dec. 22)
Business affairs will occupy your attention. Your financial stars are looking considerably less complex than this time last year, and today you may cut across a whole series of irrelevant hangovers like the proverbial hot knife through butter.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 23 - Jan. 20)
The ball is in your court. Tackle private affairs and deal with professional activities only if you feel a deep personal motivation. Romantic encounters and sentimental journeys are desirable, if only because the results may be much more delightful than expected.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 21 - Feb. 19)
Any feelings of uncertainty or confusion should be short-lived, and by late tomorrow you could be back in the driving seat. In the meantime, remember that you're now into a fantastically productive long-term cycle. The world will judge you by your deeds rather than your words.

PISCES (Feb. 20 - Mar 20)
Sometimes you just have to pay more attention to your own needs. After a long period of social responsibility, you may begin to streamline your personal commitments. If you're typical of your sign, your inclination is to withdraw from a particular public arena.

THE PHANTOM

HOW DID HE ESCAPE ME!?
THE PYTHON'S A FORMIDABLE FOE... BUT EVEN HE CAN'T VANISH INTO THIN AIR!
A LITTLE LATE TO THE CHASE, AREN'T YOU, OLD BOY?
Falk 5/24

HI AND LOIS

BEETLE BAILEY

BLONDIE

"HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO MY TROPHY HUSBAND"
WOW, THANKS, HONEY!
SO, YOU DON'T MIND THAT I MARRIED YOU FOR YOUR HUNKY GOOD LOOKS?
NO...I'VE ADJUSTED TO THE WHOLE EYE CANDY THING
SO YOU'D LOVE ME EVEN IF I LOOKED LIKE AN ALIEN FROM THE PLANET ZORK?
DEAR, LET'S NOT GO THERE

LOCKHORNS

"WHEN MOTHER SAYS LOOKS AND BRAINS AREN'T IMPORTANT, IT'S HER WAY OF SAYING SHE LOVES YOU."

DENNIS THE MENACE

"WANNA SEE IF I CAN BITE OFF MORE THAN I CAN CHEW?"

Test your number crunching skill with our unique puzzle

SUDOKU

	4	6	9	2	3	5		
	8	1		4		6		
2						7		
			2					
8		2	3	6	1	9		5
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		5						9
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		7	4	1	9	8	5	

EASY

- Fill in the grid with digits in such a manner that every row, every column and every 3X3 box accommodates the digits 1 to 9, without repeating any.
- Each sudoku has a unique solution that can be reached logically without guessing.

Solutions to Yesterday's puzzle

4	5	6	7	8	3	1	2	9
1	9	8	4	2	5	6	3	7
2	3	7	9	1	6	8	4	5
5	1	9	6	4	7	2	8	3
6	7	3	8	9	2	4	5	1
8	2	4	3	5	1	9	7	6
3	8	1	5	6	4	7	9	2
7	4	2	1	3	9	5	6	8
9	6	5	2	7	8	3	1	4

JUMBLE

THAT SCRAMBLED WORD GAME
By David L. Hoyt and Jeff Knurek

Unscramble these Jumbles, one letter to each square, to form four ordinary words.

HMTIG

NRIYO

SALHPS

DAREDM

That's why he's making the big bucks.
Wow! I didn't realize how attractive he is.
WHEN RICHARD GERE STARRED IN THE MOVIE "PRETTY WOMAN," HE WAS ---
4/30

Get the free JUMBLE app • Follow us on Twitter: @PlayJumble

Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon.

(Answers tomorrow)

Yesterday's Jumbles: REUSE PANDA THWART SOOTHE
Answer: The house was available to lease, but the highway next to it was a — "DETER-RENT"

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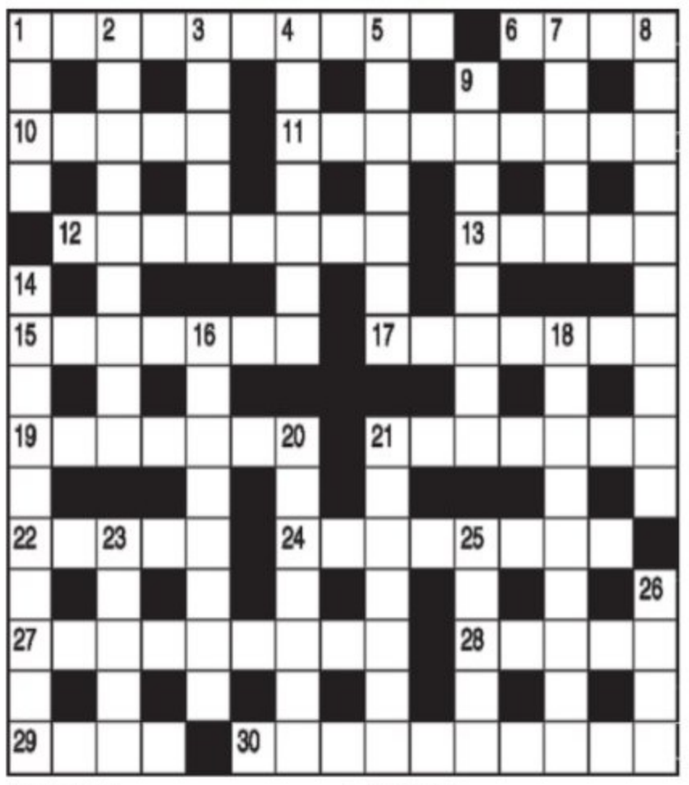
CROSS WORD



ACROSS

1 Not against roughing up an opponent (10)
6 Engaged sign on the telephone (4)
10 A charmer about to be detected in depravity (5)
11 French wine department (9)
12 Ensure it will make you rapacious (8)
13 For centuries it was the language of the masses (5)
15 King who had plenty from various sources (7)
17 Grass around the seaport (7)
19 Colours from Dresden (7)
21 Puts on something saucy? (7)
22 Maybe Poe's a past expert at telling fabulous tales (5)
24 A bitter blow is wanted badly (4,4)
27 Obviously not in the pink (3-6)
28 Appeal either way (5)
29 False witness who turns to abuse (4)
30 Lately here - in heavenly guise (10)

DOWN

1 Likewise enveloped in coals of fire (4)
2 A carry-over of marriage ritual (9)
3 Ron for example may be beyond help (5)
4 Uncle is out to get us; that's the heart of the matter (7)
5 Let's eat out in America (7)
7 Used in transporting other metals besides gold (5)
8 He urges one change to facilitate quick growth (10)
9 Such an order can't be bettered - it includes fruit (5,3)
14 Have a shot at winning the soccer game perhaps (5,1,4)
16 Animal trained to work without worrying (8)
18 Nurse felt funny taking ill (9)
20 Leave the ranks and walk briskly (4,3)
21 Justify being wrongly severed (7)
23 A capital seat I snuggle into (5)
25 Swore to reform but hasn't got any better (5)
26 Combat wear (4)

YESTERDAY'S SOLUTIONS

Across: 1 Leads in, 5 Mufti, 8 Mercurial, 9 Eft, 10 Note, 12 Left over, 14 Chance, 15 Debris, 17 Discount, 18 Veil, 21 Coo, 22 Anchor man, 24 Lathe, 25 Soprano.

Down: 1 Lemon, 2 Air, 3 Slum, 4 Nailed, 5 Muleteer, 6 Free verse, 7 Interns, 11 Transport, 13 Accolade, 14 Codicil, 16 Knocks, 19 Lingo, 20 Soup, 23 Moa.

City police conducted raids and arrested 19 drug peddlers on Sunday. They recovered 1.5 kg ganja. The South and East Division police raided houses in Thalaghattapura, Jayanagar, Banasawadi, Kumaraswamy Layout, Konanakunte, JB Nagar and DJ Halli.

Congress leaders protest in front of Raj Bhavan against the BJP's alleged attempt to topple elected governments on Monday in Bengaluru | VINOD KUMAR

Cong hits streets to protest Raj crisis

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
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ON a day when Chief Minister BS Yediyurappa was celebrating completing one year in office, Congress leaders took to the streets to protest the BJP's alleged attempts to topple the party government in Rajasthan, and reiterated their demand for a probe into alleged irregularities in the state government's medical equipment purchases.

The rally to Raj Bhavan, led by Opposition leader Siddaramaiah and state Congress unit president DK Shivakumar, was stopped by the police, who took the leaders into custody near Balekundri Circle, only to release them later.

Siddaramaiah accused Rajasthan Governor Kalraj Mishra of being part of the BJP's conspiracy, and urged him to resign. "The BJP is destabilising democratically elected governments. They did that in Madhya Pradesh and are doing it in Rajasthan too. They did it in Karnataka in 2019 to gain power," he said.

Congress leaders submitted a memorandum seeking the President's intervention into the developments in Rajasthan. They reiterated their demand for a probe into the alleged irregularities in purchase of medical equipment.

Shivakumar said the state government has not achieved anything in the past year, and that people in flood-hit areas are still awaiting financial assistance. Now, citizens need help due to the pandemic.

Hitting back at the Opposition, BJP state unit president Nalin Kumar Kateel said the Congress has no right to speak about democracy. Referring to the Congress' 'Save Democracy' campaign and its allegations against Governor Mishra, he said governors appointed by the BJP have been functioning impartially. Congress leaders were slammed for not adhering to Covid guidelines during the rally. "This shows their lack of concern for people," said Medical Education Minister Dr K Sudhakar.

Board chiefs appointed, but many miffed

BSY hopes to placate supporters but 4 appointees reject posts, say they deserve to be ministers; those not on list now hopeful

ANUSHA RAVI @Bengaluru

IN what could be a step towards cabinet reshuffle and expansion, Chief Minister BS Yediyurappa on Monday appointed 24 BJP legislators as chiefs of various boards and corporations. While four of the appointments were withdrawn within hours the exercise was aimed at placating MLAs close to BS Yediyurappa who had been complaining about being ignored. But many MLAs, who are cabinet berth aspirants, either openly dissed the appointments or coyly rejected them. They were left disappointed as appointments to boards and corporations mean that they are no longer in contention for a ministerial berth.

Senior BJP leader from Chitradurga GH Thippareddy was the first to publicly reject the appointment deeming it an 'insult'. He said, "I am a six-time MLA. I don't need an appointment to a board. I qualify to be a minister and it is my right."

Hours later, the CMO withdrew his appointment as Chairman to the Karnataka Housing Board was withdrawn along with those of Parranna Eshwarappa Munavalli as president of the Karnataka Finance Corporation, Lalaji Mendon as Chairman of Karnataka Backward Classes Commission, and Basavaraj Dadesur as president, Karnataka State Social Welfare Board, due to 'technical qualifications'.

"Everybody wants to become a minister, but there are only 34 berths. This was an attempt to accommodate some MLAs in important posts, but many are disappointed," said a source from the Yediyurappa camp, reiterating that the exercise was meant to placate MLAs, but some dissent was expected. The appointments came on a day when Yediyurappa launched a booklet on his government's achievements over the last one year.

Younger MLAs like Preetham Gowda, who has been appointed as chief of Jungle Lodges and Resorts, and Dattatreya Patil Revoor, who was made chairman of the Kalyana Karnataka Development Board, seem to have decided to convey their disappointment to the CM personally. "This has come as a surprise. I do not want such a huge responsibility and I request the CM to appoint someone else," said Gowda, a debutante MLA from Hassan. After pulling off a rare victory for the BJP in the KR Pet bypolls, he was hoping to make it to the cabinet, much like Revoor. The MLA from Gulbarga South is keen on meeting Yediyurappa before deciding whether to accept the appointment.

Former ministers like Hartal Halappa, leaders like M P Kumaraswamy, Raju Gouda, A S Patil Nadahalli and Kalakappa Bandi too are said to be miffed, but are choosing to keep quiet, source said. But MLAs, like M Chandrappa of Holalkere and Araga Jnanendra of Teerthahalli, said they would accept any post given to them and work for Yediyurappa. Channagiri's Madal Virupakshappa grudgingly accepted the post, ading he would have liked to be a minister.

Meanwhile, the move has given more confidence to cabinet aspirants like Umesh Katti, Arvind Limbavali, CP Yogeshwar and H Vishwanath as it makes their path smoother.

MLAs appointed as heads of boards and corporations (Name, Constituency, Post)

- H Halappa, Sagar, MSIL
- MP Kumaraswamy, Mudigere, KMCA
- Preetham G Gowda, Hassan, Jungle Lodges and Resorts Limited
- Dattatreya C Patil Revoor, Gulbarga South, Kalyana Karnataka Development Board
- Siddu Savadi, Terdal, Handloom Development Corporation
- Araga Jnanendra, Teerthahalli, Karnataka Housing Board
- M Chanadrappa, Holalkere, KSRTC
- Narasimha Naik (Raju Gouda), Shorapur, Urban Water Supply Board
- AS Patil (Nadahalli), Muddebihal, Food and Civil Supplies Corporation
- Madal Virupakshappa, Channagiri, KSDL
- K Shivanagouda Naik, Devadurga, Karnataka Road Development Corporation
- Kalakappa Bandi, Ron, KSSIDC
- Rajkumar Patil Telku, Sedam, NEKRTC
- Shankar Patil Munenakoppa, Navalgund, KUIDFC
- H Nagesh, Tiptur, Karnataka State Coir Development Corporation
- S V Ramachandra, Jagalur, Maharshi Valmiki ST Development Corporation
- Nehru Olekar, Haveri, Lidkar
- Aihole Duryodhan Mahalingappa, Raibag, Khadi and Village Industries Board
- Dr S Shivaraj Patil, Raichur, Biofuel Development Board
- CS Niranjan Kumar, Gundlupet, Forest Industrial Corporation

Appointed and then withdrawn

- Parranna Eshwarappa Munavalli, Gangavati, Karnataka Finance Corporation
- Lalaji Mendon, Kaup, Karnataka Backward Classes Commission
- Basavaraj Dadesur, Kanakagiri, Karnataka State Social Welfare Board
- GH Thippareddy, Chitradurga, Devaraj Urs Backward Classes Development Corporation

BSY will complete his full term: Jarkiholi

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @Belagavi

MINISTER for Water Resources and Belagavi district incharge Ramesh Jarkiholi on Monday said, "I congratulate CM B S Yediyurappa for successfully completing one year in office. He took charge at a crucial juncture and successfully faced a series of problems and challenges like floods and Covid-19. He will deliver good governance for the remainder of his term. We will face the 2023 elections under Yediyurappa's leadership."

On the visit of Deputy CM Laxman Savadi to Delhi, Jarkiholi said, "I am a common worker of the BJP. I am neither aware of the cabinet expansion nor the visit of Savadi to Delhi. However, the CM will not be changed at any cost. Our party will not dethrone Yediyurappa. It is just a media creation."

He said, "Savadi has gone to Delhi to discuss matters related to the transport department with Union Transport Minister Nitin Gadkari. There is nothing special about it."

EXPRESS READ

Woman jumps into apartment sump, drowns

Bengaluru: A 50-year-old woman allegedly ended her life by jumping into a water sump at an apartment complex in Yelahanka New Town. She reportedly jumped in three days ago but the incident only came to light on Monday when residents realised a the water from the sump was stinking. Police said the deceased, Gowri, ran a chit fund and was married to Nagaraj, an employee at a co-operative bank. Nagaraj had filed a missing persons complaint on Friday before the incident came to light. Based on a complaint, the police are interrogating Nagaraj. Police said that she left no suicide note.

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Corrigendum

With reference to the E-Auction for **SALE OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTIES** for **M/s Bluewhale Machinery Technologies Pvt Ltd,** the Borrower of **Malleswaram Branch,** published in this paper on **20.7.2020** under **Sl No. 6.** The E-Auction scheduled on **20.8.2020** is withdrawn. All other details remain the same.

Authorised Officer
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PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE is hereby given that our client intends to enter into proposed transaction from its respective owner in respect of the residentially converted immovable properties measuring 15 Acres and 36 Guntas situated in kumbena agrahara village and Belathur village, KR puram hobli, Bangalore east taluk and morefully described in the schedule.

Any person/s having any right, title, interest or claim in the scheduled properties or any part thereof in any manner or objecting to such transaction in favour of our client may, write to the undersigned with requisite documentary evidence within Fifteen (15)days from the issuance of this public notice failing which, our client shall proceed with the above mentioned transactions, without any reference to such claim and the same, if any, shall be considered a s waived.

Any person dealing directly or indirectly with regards to any of the properties listed in the scheduled below or in any other manner shall be doing so at their own cost, risk and consequences and our client shall not be responsible for any such acts.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

All that part and parcel of property bearing Sy. Nos. 84A, 84B, 91/1, 90, 80A, 80B, 81A, 81B, 82A, 79/A, 87/1P1, 87/2, 77A, 77B, 86P1, 85P1, 78 A , 78 B Totally measuring 15 Acres and 36 Guntas situated in Kumbena Agrahara village and Belathur village, KR Puram hobli, Bangalore east taluk.

Sd/- **A.V. RAJENDRABABU**, Advocate
Ph. No. 9900798934
Place: Bangalore. Date: 28/07/2020

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REGISTERED OFFICE: NTPC BHAWAN, CORE-7, SCOPE COMPLEX, 7-INSTITUTIONAL AREA, LODHI ROAD, NEW DELHI-110 003
CIN - L40101DL1975GOI007966

1. The applicant above named has made an application before the Central Electricity Regulatory Commission, New Delhi for determination of tariff of **Ramagundam STPS stage - III (500 MW)** from 01.04.2019 to 31.03.2024.
2. The beneficiaries of the generating station are:
   i. AP Eastern Power Distribution Company Ltd. (APEPDCL) Corporate Office, P&T Colony, Seethammadhara, Visakhapatnam - 530 013 - (AP)
   ii. AP Southern Power Distribution Company Ltd. (APSPDCL) Corporate Office, Back Side Srinivasa Kalyana Mandapam, Tiruchhanur Road, Kesavayana Gunta, Tirupathi – 517 503 (AP)
   iii. Telangana State Northern Power Distribution Company Ltd. (TSNPDCL) H.No. 2-5-31/2, Vidyut Bhavan, Nakkalagutta, Hanamkonda, Warangal – 506 001 (AP)
   iv. Telangana State Southern Power Distribution Company Ltd. (TSPDCL) Mint Compound, Corporate Office, Hyderabad (AP) – 500 063
   v. Tamil Nadu Generation & Distribution Corporation Ltd. (TANGEDCO) (formerly TNEB), 144, Anna Salai, Chennai – 600 002
   vi. Bangalore Electricity Supply Company Ltd. (BESCOM) Krishna Rajendra Circle, Bangalore - 560 009
   vii. Mangalore Electricity Supply Company Ltd (MESCOM) MESCOM bhavana, Corporate Office, Bejai, kavoor cross road, Mangaluru 575004, Karnataka
   viii. CESC (Chamundeshwari Electricity Supply Corp. Ltd.) Corporate Office, No. 29, Vijayanagar, 2nd stage, Hinkal, Mysore - 570 017
   ix. Gulbarga Electricity Supply Company Ltd. (GESCOM) Main road, Gulbarga – 585 102, Karnataka
   x. Hubli Electricity Supply Company Ltd. (HESCOM) Corporate office, P.B.Road, Navanagar, Hubli – 580 025
   xi. Kerala State Electricity Board Ltd. (KSEBL) Vaidyuthi Bhavanam, Pattom, Thiruvananthapuram – 695 004
   xii. Electricity Department, Puducherry 137, NSC Bose salai, Puducherry- 605001
3. Capacity of the generating station: 500 MW
4. Approved capital cost of the project (as on 31.03.2019): Rs 1592.06 Crores
5. Authority which has approved the Capital Cost: CERC
6. Scheduled date of commercial operation: Not Applicable
7. Actual date of commercial operation of station: 25.03.2005
8. Capital cost on date of Commercial operation of Station: Rs 1313.56 Cr
9. Details of tariff:

Particulars	Year-wise tariff sought to be determined					
	2018-19*	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24
1. Capacity Charges (Rs.Lakh/year)	29491.31	28013.30	28744.54	29338.77	30255.25	32081.38
2. Energy Charges (Paise/kWh)	219.926	258.2				

* As per Petition for truing-up of tariff for 2014-19 period for RAMAGUNDAM-III filed with CERC.

10. A copy of the application made for determination of tariff is posted on the website of NTPC, namely www.ntpc.co.in under the Tab "Notices".
11. The suggestions and objections, if any, on the proposals for determination of tariff contained in the application be filed by any person, including the beneficiary before the Secretary, Central Electricity Regulatory Commission, 3rd & 4th Floor, Chanderlok Building, 36, Janpath, New Delhi - 110001, with a copy to the applicant within 30 days of publication of this notice.

Place : New Delhi **(Rohit Chhabra)**
Date : 06.02.2020 **Addl. General Manager (Comml.)**

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PUBLIC NOTICE

BE IT KNOWN TO ALL that our client(s) intend(s) to purchase the below-mentioned Schedule Property from - **(1) Sri. Arjun Hirji Patel** and **(2) Sri. Somji Hirji Patel** who claim to be the absolute joint owners of the same. Any person(s) / institution(s) objecting to the proposed sale or asserting any manner of lawful right, title, interest or share over the Schedule Property or part thereof is/are required to lodge their objections/claims alongwith photo-copies of documents based on which they object to the said sale or stake their claim, only by Registered Post with Acknowledgement Due (RPAD), so as to reach at the below-mentioned address within 7 (seven) days from the date of this publication, failing which our client(s) shall proceed to purchase the Schedule Property as if there are no claims of any nature thereon; and all claims even if existing, shall be deemed to have been waived off / abandoned. Any objections/claims received after the said period or communication by any other mode apart from RPAD, shall not be entertained/considered under any circumstances.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

ALL THAT PIECE AND PARCEL of undeveloped converted lands to the extent of **10¼** Guntas in **Sy. No.106/2** situated at **Kengeri Village** and **Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk** and bounded as under:

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POSSESSION NOTICE (FOR IMMOVABLE PROPERTY)

Whereas the undersigned being the Authorised Officer of the PNB Housing Finance Ltd. under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets & in compliance of Rule 8(1) of Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002, and in exercise of powers conferred under section 13(12) read with Rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002, issued demand notice/s on the date mentioned against each account calling upon the respective borrower/s to repay the amount as mentioned against each account within 60 days from the date of notice(s)/ date of receipt of the said notice/s.

The borrower/s having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the borrower/s and the public in general that the undersigned has taken possession of the property/ies described herein below in exercise powers conferred on him/her under Section 13(4) of the said Act read with Rule 8 of the said Rules on the dates mentioned against each account.

The borrower/s in particular and the public in general is hereby cautioned not to deal with the property/ies and any dealing with the property/ies will be subject to the charge of PNB Housing Finance Ltd., for the amount and interest thereon as per loan agreement. **The borrowers' attention is invited to provisions of Sub-section (8) of Section13 of the Act, in respect of time available, to redeem the secured assets.**

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PUBLIC NOTICE FOR E-AUCTION SALE OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTIES

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Description of Immovable Property which is being sold :

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Reserve Price	Rs.2,38,00,000/-
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Inspection of Properties	19/08/2020 Contact No. 9611551165.
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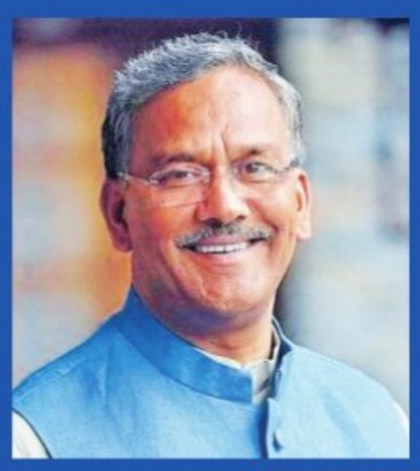

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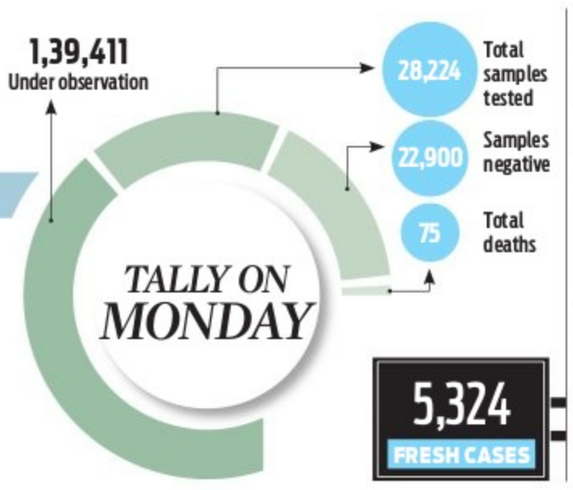

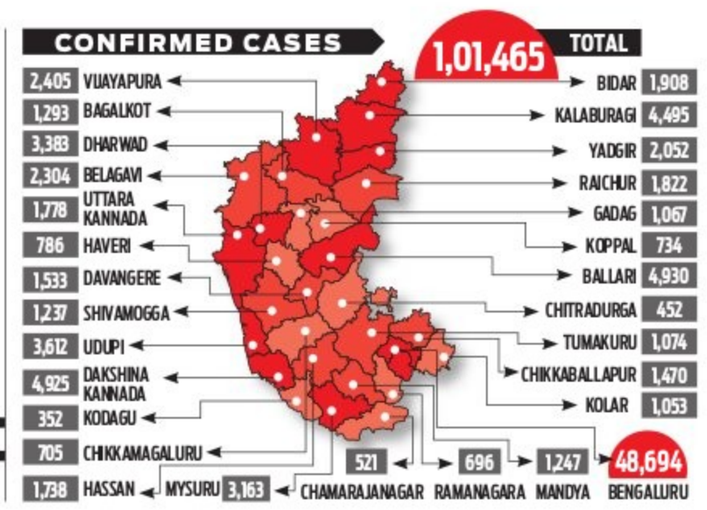

Data from War Room, wards tells different tales

Glaring discrepancies in number of cases; corporators claim smaller numbers, say officials may be clubbing wards under constituency

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IS Bengaluru tying itself up in knots in vain over the bulking daily caseload of coronavirus cases? It now turns out there are glaring discrepancies in the data put out by the State War Room and that given by local ward corporators. While a few anomalies can be attributed to human error, the difference is marked.

For instance, Dharmaraya Swamy Temple ward has the highest number of cases — 2,445 — as per the war room, but the corporator says the number of cases is only 158. TNIE checked individual data for seven wards and found that all of them had discrepancies.

Dhanraj, husband of corporator Prathibha Dhanraj of Dharmaraya Swamy Temple ward said, "The war room data is not correct. They may be clubbing multiple wards under one constituency and putting out data."

As per State War Room data, Sarakki ward reported 777 cases, the second highest number. However, corporator Deepika Manjunatha Reddy said there were only 116 cases. "The war room data is incorrect. While 80% of the patients are home-quarantined, around 25 people have recovered, 5-6 patients were on dialysis and passed away. Sarakki market was a source of transmission, so we closed the place," said Deepika Reddy.

According to the war room, Shanthala Nagar ward has 589 patients, but a health officer claimed, "The ward has just 174 cases. In laboratories, addresses are not given properly and the ICMR portal registers the same address once the swab is positive." On Monday, this officer got two cases, residents of Malleswaram and Konanakunte, but their case was registered under Shanthala Nagar ward.

As opposed to 524 cases in Herohalli ward (fourth highest), a health officer said the ward had only 135 cases. Pattabhiram Nagar has 456 patients as per the war room, but corporator HC Nagarathna Murthy said the actual figure is 187, of whom 60 have recovered, nine passed away and the rest are active cases.

MLA NA Haris shared ward-wise breakup of Shanthinagar constituency as of Sunday, which showed that Shanthinagar ward (seventh highest) had 207 cases as opposed to war room data of 380 cases.

Chamarajpet ward (eighth highest) showed 374 cases but corporator G Kokila Chandrashekhar said the ward recorded only 158 cases, and 30 of them were discharged. "Entire Chamarajpet constituency might have over 300 cases, not the ward," she said.

WARD NAME	WAR ROOM DATA	FIELD LEVEL DATA
Dharmaraya Swamy Temple	2,445	158
Sarakki	777	116
Shanthala Nagar	589	174
Herohalli	524	135
Pattabhiram Nagar	456	186
Shantinagar	380	207
Chamarajpet	374	158

OFFICIAL TAKE

Munish Moudgil, in charge of the State War Room, said ward-wise data is not easy to get. "Usually, 90%-95% of the data is accurate, which serves the purpose of policy decisions but it's not 100%. People give only the area name as address, at the time of testing, so that is all the software gets to start with. Some don't even answer our calls," Moudgil said. "While shifting patients to hospitals, updating wards in the software is not easy, so ward-wise data is not precise," he added.

Hephsiba Rani, incharge of BBMP War Room, said it usually goes with data given by the patient at the time of swab collection — driving licence, Aadhaar card or ration card which may have varying addresses, to begin with.

"When the ICMR portal shows the result as positive, the war room takes the address given by the patient who may not know the ward name or number. Field officers contact the patient and update the address. Some 10-15% inconsistencies will be there," Hephsiba explained.

'Counselling families on video calls tough'

BALA CHAUHAN @Bengaluru

THE pandemic has changed the way doctors and medical staff interact with the patient's family members; counsel them in case the patient's condition deteriorated in the Intensive Care Unit (ICU). It is now being done on e-platforms because of social distancing.

Due to Covid, no family member is allowed inside the hospital. For intensivists, used to high levels of stress inside the ICU, the inability to communicate in person with the patient's family is a new and emotionally challenging learning curve. Video phone calls have replaced physical interaction.

"Communication is a key skill needed for all ICU professionals. About 40 per cent of intensivists' time is spent in counselling and communication. Covid-19 infection with the necessity for social distancing, has taken away this facet of our profession. This important humane element of sharing the family's grief and emotions is now required to be done on e-platforms. Besides the emotional aspect, communication through a telephone wearing a donned Personal Protection Equipment (PPE) becomes physically difficult," said Dr Sunil Karanth, chairman, Critical Care Services, Manipal Health Enterprises.

"Sitting with the family, sharing their emotions, communicating the patient's status is much better done with the physical presence of the clinician. It is hard to fill up this void without meeting the family in person. The social distancing norms also limit the family's ability to spend time with their sick family member in the ICU. This too is only being done on voice or video call," he added.

"The changing times have made us adapt to the emerging needs and requirements and as a profession, we are fast learning to cope with these new norms. But a learning curve exerts new stresses on an already burdened system," said Dr Karanth.

"Communication is not only verbal, but also involves a lot of non-verbal cues like facial expressions, gestures and body language, which help augment the emotional aspect of counselling and communication. With a fully donned PPE, the clarity of the voice, lack of visibility of the doctor's face, connectivity issues make this task very arduous," he said.

"It is very difficult to counsel the family members over the phone. They need to trust us and believe what we tell them. It's extremely daunting and emotionally draining for us too," said Dr Radha, intensivist, MS Ramaiah Memorial Hospital.

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BIZ HUB COMES TO A HALT

KR Market and areas around it are now deserted following the decision to keep the market shut even after the lockdown was lifted. On Monday, BBMP Commissioner N Manjunath Prasad asked citizens to avoid going to markets, not to gather at community places, and not to hold community festive celebrations | PANDARINATH B

Ashoka opens BIEC, gives spend details; 30K more beds on anvil

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AMID controversy over money spent by the government for coronavirus treatment, India's largest Covid Care Centre at Bengaluru International Exhibition Centre, which is meant to house 5,000 patients and 1,500 medical and non-medical staff, was inaugurated on Monday. Revenue Minister and Covid-19 in-charge R Ashoka said that seven items needed for treatment were being purchased, while 11 others are being rented out.

Speaking to the media from the sidelines of the ceremony on Monday, Ashoka said that the Opposition wants accounts on what is being spent by the government. "The government has bought seven items such as beds, fans, mattresses, etc, and 11 other items are still being rented, which will soon be bought too. This list includes partitions, toilets and bathroom fittings. A separate 1,000KV line has been provided by Bescom," he said.

Ashoka said the Opposition should speak up against private hospitals for denying treatment and beds instead. "I have a list of all the expenses for BIEC, which the Opposition can assess. The state government has spent ₹4.02 crore on purchasing seven items, Rs 2.9 crore on flooring and ₹11.9 lakh to rent out items. Some items will be sterilised and handed over to hostels and hospitals later," he added.

To decentralise Covid-19 management, zone and constituency-wise ministers and officials have been roped in, and now, ward-specific officials, MLAs and health officials will be brought on board.

DyCM Dr CN Ashwath Narayan, who was also present at the ceremony, said the government is making arrangements for 30,000 more beds to be placed at exhibition centres, Palace Grounds, apartments and police quarters. "Work to trace and test people with comorbidities, ILI and SARI will start soon. We are working towards getting RT-PCR results in 24 hours and rapid antigen test results in 30 minutes. A total of 23,000 samples are being collected daily, so there is a huge backlog currently. We are strengthening the rapid antigen testing facility to three lakh kits so that more tests can be administered," he said.

MLA SR Vishwanath, BBMP Commissioner N Manjunath Prasad and Bengaluru Mayor M Goutham Kumar were present at the inauguration ceremony too.

Beds lined up in the Covid Care Centre at Bengaluru International Exhibition Centre, in Bengaluru, which was inaugurated on Monday | NAGARAJA GADEKAL

COVID WATCH

ALL PHCs WILL BE UPGRADED: SUDHAKAR

Kolar: Medical Education Minister **Dr K Sudhakar** on Monday said that the state government is keen on upgrading all primary healthcare centres across the state. Speaking to the media after releasing a book on the development works taken up in the district, on the occasion of BJP completing one year in office, he said upgrading the PHCs will benefit the poor. He added that 88 new RT-PCR labs have come up in 56 medical colleges across the state.

URBAN DEVELOPMENT OFFICE SEALED IN MYS

Mysuru: The Mysuru Urban Development Authority (MUDA) office on JLB road was sealed on Monday after an assistant engineer tested positive. Over 500 employees, including the regular and contract workers, gathered outside MUDA office due to the fear of contracting the virus, following which the commissioner intervened and declared a one-day holiday for the employees. Later, the premises and the entire office was sanitised. A decision on whether to close the office for three days will be taken soon. A staffer at the deputy commissioner's office also tested positive. After the results arrived, the entire office was sanitised.

Urban Development Minister Byrathi Basavaraj (second from left) speaks to CEO of Manipal Hospitals, Whitefield, Arnab Mandal in Bengaluru on Monday

'Provide beds, or we'll cut power, water supply'

BANSY KALAPPA @Bengaluru

"IF you don't cooperate with us and give us 50 per cent beds, we will cut the power and water supplies and close down the outpatient facility at 6 pm," Urban Development Department Minister Byrati Basavraj who is in charge of Whitefield-Mahadevapura zone, is seen telling Arnab Mandal, CEO, Manipal Hospital, Whitefield, recently. The minister's wrath was caught on camera.

The Manipal staff were seeking to convince the minister that they cannot offer 50 per cent of the beds. When contacted, Manipal Hospital did not respond.

As Bengaluru threatens to explode with Covid-19 numbers, the pressure to get more hospital beds for symptomatic cases in each one of the eight zones is very high. The government has been trying very hard to get more beds to treat serious symptomatic patients. There is a shortage of beds in private hospitals for Covid patients in each zone and since cases are rising, each minister in charge of the zones is under pressure to deliver.

According to sources, until now the allocation of beds in private hospitals used to be a citywide exercise but it has now assumed a zonal dimension. So, henceforth, all availability charts of hospital beds will be zone-wise.

Chief Minister B S Yediyurappa in meetings with the Bengaluru zonal in-charge ministers has always stressed the need to be sufficiently equipped with beds for any emergency.

Hospital sources said Manipal has a 100-bed facility in Malleswaram which they have exclusively set aside for Covid. They explained the predicament of admitting Covid-19 patients in hospitals because the general patients cannot be admitted in the same facility due to the risk of infection. So only if there is an exclusive wing or building, it is feasible, they said.

Pvt hospital refunds ₹24L to 22 patients

BENGALURU: A private hospital in Bengaluru was made to pay a refund of Rs 24 lakh to 22 patients, who were under government quota for Covid treatment, which it had taken from them illegally.

On Friday, the hospital in RR Nagar was visited by a team led by Harsh Gupta and D Roopa, who found that an advance of Rs 1 lakh was being collected to admit a Covid-19 patient under the government quota. Meanwhile, the hospital also went a step further, providing free treatment for those under the private quota. Following the refund, Roopa tweeted: "We thank the hospital for their compliance." The hospital has charged the bill on Government's Suvarna Arogya Suraksha Trust. ENS

TIMELY INFO

Karnataka tops in Covid data reporting, says study

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KARNATAKA has emerged on the top in Covid-19 data presentation, as per a study on disparity in report presentation.

A set of five researchers from different universities abroad have done a comprehensive assessment of the quality of Covid-19 data reporting done by the Indian states and Union territory governments. The study was done by Varun Vasudevan, Institute for Computational & Mathematical Engineering, Stanford University, Abeynaya Gnanasekaran- Stanford University, Varsha Sankar- Tech Industry USA, Siddarth A Vasudevan- Aerosol Industry, Switzerland, and James Zou-Department of Biomedical Data Science, Stanford University.

According to the report, the study captures four key aspects of public health data reporting — availability, accessibility, granularity, and privacy. This framework was used to calculate a Covid Data Reporting Score (CDRS, ranging from 0 to 1) for 29 states, based on the quality of the reporting done by the state during the two-week period from May 19 to June 1.

The results indicated a strong disparity in the quality of Covid data reporting done by the state governments in India. CDRS varies from 0.61 (good) in Karnataka to 0.0 (poor) in Bihar and Uttar Pradesh, with a median value of 0.26.

The best data reporting was done by Karnataka (0.61), Kerala (0.52), Odisha (0.51), Puducherry (0.51) and Tamil Nadu (0.51). On the other hand, Uttar Pradesh (0.0), Bihar (0.0), Meghalaya (0.13), Himachal Pradesh (0.13) and Andaman and Nicobar Islands (0.17) rank at the bottom.

Karnataka and Punjab scored the highest in availability, the report stated. "Karnataka releases a health bulletin and a state war room bulletin every day and also maintains a dashboard. The bulletins are available in English and provide information on the total confirmed cases, deaths, recovered, quarantined and active ICU cases. The bulletins also report some daily (new) data and some data stratified by age, gender and districts. In addition, the demographics and co-morbidity data are reported for each deceased person. Trend graphics are available either through the bulletins and/or through the dashboard," as per the report.

In a humane gesture, Nagayalanka police on Monday performed the last rites of a 62-year-old woman, whose son died of Covid-19 three days ago. The woman, identified as Hymavathi, was reportedly depressed over her son's death and died by suicide on Sunday night

NIA grills Sivasankar in gold smuggling case

Accused asked to appear before agency again today

Former IT secretary M Sivasankar arrives at NIA office in Kochi | A SANESH

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @Kochi

SUSPENDED senior IAS officer M Sivasankar was questioned for around nine hours by National Investigation Agency (NIA) officials here on Monday, in connection to the sensational gold smuggling case that has rocked Kerala.

While this was the second time in the past one week that the NIA grilled the officer, who was removed as Principal Secretary to Chief Minister Pinarayi Vijayan and the state IT Secretary after allegations surfaced regarding his probable link with a key woman accused in the case, he has been directed to appear before the agency again on Tuesday, his lawyer told reporters here.

Responding to summons, Sivasankar had arrived at the NIA office around 9.20 am in the morning, but left only late in the evening, after the day-long questioning. Earlier on July 23, Sivasankar was questioned for five hours by the NIA team at a police club in Thiruvananthapuram.

The senior bureaucrat, who was suspended based on a high-level committee report that went into allegations against him, was also questioned earlier by the Customs Department , which is also probing the case, for nearly nine hours till the wee hours of July 15.

Action was taken against Sivasankar following allegations that he had links with Swapna Suresh, the key accused in the case related to the attempt to smuggle gold through diplomatic baggage using the name of a person in the UAE consulate in Thiruvananthapuram.

Agencies revisiting terror cases in Kerala to track fund flow links

Kochi: In the wake of the gold smuggling case through diplomatic channels bringing into renewed focus the issue of 'terror financing' in Kerala, the Intelligence Bureau(IB), NIA and Anti-Terrorist Squad (ATS) of Kerala Police are revisiting all terror-related cases probed in the state so far. Through this, the agencies intend to connect the missing links of the sources of money that came from abroad to fund anti-national activities. Intelligence officials said right from the probe into the 2010 palm chopping case to the 2013 Narath arms training camp case and 2016 Kanakamala Islamic State case, there had been specific inputs on fund flow from abroad into the state. Loknath Behera, state police chief, said the ATS has been asked to draw up a list of terror-related cases in Kerala which will be scrutinised afresh to track the fund flow. According to the NIA chargesheet in the Narath case, "bank transaction details of some of the accused were collected and international transactions on a massive scale were found in the accounts of the accused.

COVID-19: ANDHRA CROSSES 1 LAKH-MARK

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @Vijayawada

ANDHRA Pradesh COVID-19 tally crossed the one lakh mark on Monday with 6,051 new cases recorded in 24 hours till Monday 9 am. While the first positive case was reported in Nellore on March 12 it took more than four months to cross the 50,000-mark, it took just seven days to reach the one lakh mark. The total number of cases in AP now stands at 1,03,249. However, the silverlining is that till date 49,558 persons were discharged and the active number of cases as on today stands at 51,701.

A Covid health worker looks through the window of a private hospital in Hyderabad on Monday | R V K RAO

With the state government focussing on reducing the deaths arising out of the virus, the mortality rate is at a less of 1.06% when compared to the national average of 2.28%. The worrying factor, however, is the positivity rate which stands at 6.07%.

This is attributed to the high number of tests conducted in the State. With 16,86,446 tests conducted so far, AP stands fourth among all the other States in the number of tests conducted.

East Godavari, which was witnessing a sudden surge of positive cases with more than 1,000 cases recorded almost every day, reported another 1,210 cases taking its overall tally to 14,696, the highest among the state.

Kaal Bhairava teams curb poaching

Teams patrol day and night in Sirsi forest where inhabitants hunt for food

MEERA BHARDWAJ @Bengaluru

WITH Covid restricting activities, many people living near forests have turned into a problem for the forest department, as the number of poaching cases touches a record in Karnataka.

However, Sirsi forest division, taking such activities in their stride, has formed six 'Kaal Bhairava' day/night patrol teams to tackle poaching of wildlife. Siddapura Range officials recently arrested poachers for processing wildlife meat and also prevented such incidents in the reserve forest.

With directions from Kanara Circle CCF Yatish Kumar and Sirsi DCF S G Hegde, night patrolling has been strengthened and tightened in sensitive areas. Aziz Sheik, ACF, Siddapura, and RFO Shivanand Ningani were instrumental in putting in place two 'Kaal Bhairava' teams that work 12-hour day and night shifts in this range.

Each team comprises two deputy RFOs, two guards, two watchers and one driver.

While on patrol on July 19, they caught two people who were preparing to hunt in the rich habitat of Arsikatte forest beat of Nidagodu section. Chandreshekar Naik (42) and Ramchandra Nayak (44) of Honnehadda village were caught red-handed attempting to load their gun with cartridges, and were booked under the Wildlife Protection Act. One rifle, two batteries and a bag of cartridges was seized.

In another case on July 24, the team raided and arrested a person for processing the meat of a barking deer. Shantesh Kariya Naik of Kolsirsi was not a habitual offender but claimed that he had found a dead deer in the forest and was processing it. In a third case last month, 850 grams of pangolin scales were seized by police. This case was handed over to Siddapura Range.

> Poaching has gone up in Covid times. We have kept strict vigil and the teams are alert 24/7. An inquiry is going on in all the three cases to ascertain their modus operandi
>
> RFO Shivanand Ningani

RFO Ningani adds, "Poaching has gone up in Covid times. We have kept strict vigil and the teams are alert 24/7. An inquiry is going on in all the three cases to ascertain their modus operandi, while pangolin scales have been sent to forensic lab for testing. Cases have been booked and the offenders are in judicial custody."

The reserve forest in Siddapura is about 70 kms from Anshi-Dandeli Tiger Reserve periphery, and is home to the Indian gaur, spotted deer, barking deer and other herbivores. And for people staying home, it is an easy form of food as also a distraction to while away their time.

Actor Darshan plant saplings

Mysuru: Sandalwood actor Darshan Thoogudeepa, who is also the brand ambassador for the Karnataka Forest Department, visited the Anti Poaching Camps in the MM Hills Wildlife Division, and planted saplings to mark World Nature Conservation Day. Deputy Conservator of Forest, MM Hills Wildlife Sanctuary, V Yedukondalu said the actor was featured in four awareness videos made by the forest department. Actor Chikkanna was also present.

Farmers told to vacate village, threaten mass suicide

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ABOUT 41 families that lost their land to Karnataka Industrial Area Development Board (KIADB) have now been served a final notice to vacate their homes as also the very village where they lived for generations. Notice has also been served to the over 100 years old Sr Gurukambaleshwara Veerashaiva Mutt and its devotees.

When the process to acquire land for the biggest industrial area in Thanvapura and Adakalanahlli in Nanjangud taluk started in 2005-06, the villagers opposed it and took up a legal battle. As petitions did not come up for hearing, the farmers presumed the proposal of land acquisition was dropped. However, now they have been served with the additional notice to vacate their houses.

Many of the families who lost their land to the KIADB are left with nothing to survive on, and are in no mood to vacate. They even threatened to "commit suicide" if they are forced out of their villages.

After running from pillar to post, the villagers have now decided to knock the doors of Opposition Leader Siddaramaiah, who earlier represented Varuna constituency, and the sitting MLA Yathindra.

Meanwhile, Raitha Sangha activists staged a protest and put out posters around the village that they were not for sale and would not give in to forcible eviction. They also threatened to lock up officers who came to the village to evict them.

EXPRESS READ

Irula girl assaulted for seeking ST certificate

Villupuram: A tribal girl's quest to continue her education by securing a community certificate, hit yet another hurdle when she got assaulted by a few from her own village for seeking proof testifying their community was 'tribal'. Now, the police have assured to take action against those who assaulted her, under the stringent provisions of the SC/ST Act, once a community certificate is issued to her.

Rani Abbakka, Christ chapters removed too

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THE chapter on Rani Abbakka Devi, the first Tuluva queen who fought the Portuguese, has also been removed.

The time allotted to teach art, literature, folklore, theatre, dance, forests, wild animals, national parks, and natural and cultural resources of Bengaluru and Mysuru has been restricted to only 40 per cent of the original schedule, while similar portions for Kalaburagi and Belagavi have been removed.

An entire chapter on the teachings of Jesus Christ and Prophet Mohammed has been dropped from Class VI. But the students will get to study these religious figures and their teachings in Class IX. The time allotted to teach Buddhism and Jainism has also been reduced by 50 per cent, KTBS said.

Literature, science, art and architecture of Satavahanas, Kadambas and Gangas and the contributions of Rajputs are among the other topics the KTBS has left out.

Fire breaks out in container yard, loss put at ₹8 lakh

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TENSION prevailed at Yellapuvanipalem when fire broke out at gateway container yard near Sheela Nagar on the national highway here on Monday.

According to district fire officer Ram Prakash, fire broke out in two containers of sodium fluoride solution at CFS container yard. He said the fire services department got a call around 12 noon and two fire tenders were immediately rushed to the spot from Peda Gantyada. A major accident was averted as fire was brought under control before spreading to other containers. Foam and water were used to douse the flames, he said.

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Final Notice-Authentication Exercise

1) NTIHCS has undertaken an exercise to verify and authenticate the names and credentials of members who have been deprived of sites. In this connection, Society had sent Notice to all site deprived members by speed post on 08/07/2019 to submit below mentioned documents to the Society. Subsequently on 21/10/2019 and 14/12/2019 two follow up Notices were sent by Speed Post for those who did not respond to first and second Notices. The purpose of the exercise is to prepare a list of genuine site deprived members that can be used for any future action by the Society. In response to the notices, we have not yet received replies from some of the site deprived members and their names are listed below. Such Members are requested to submit the following documents to the Society within 15 days of publication of this final notice.

1.Copy of membership identification card or share certificate or sital deposit receipt. 2.Copy of provisional allotment letter and sital registration certificate (If registered). 3.Copy of Aadhaar card (mandatory), Passport, Driving License or any document issued by State Government Authority showing present residential address. 4.Recent passport size color photos (4 Nos)

Names of members who do not respond to this final notice within 15 days from date of publication of this notice will be listed in end of the List to be prepared/ referred to Co-operative Society department and further action will be initiated as per the direction of Cooperative Society Department. Members are reminded that they are solely responsible for any consequences of not providing information/documents to the society.

2) All the Members are hereby informed that, in future the old ID Cards will not be valid for either Society's Election or any other Society work and as per the decision of the AGM held on Dt. 14.09.2019 the Society is replacing new ID Cards / Smart Cards in place of old cards. Hence all the members who have not applied for New ID Cards are requested to approach the Society and submit the above mentioned (1, 3 and 4) documents and apply for the same.

Names of the Members who have not have furnished the details are listed below

1	K/1/13	Shantha Lakshman	56	K/2/171	Vijayalakshmi.G.	111	K/5/84	Ajith Shetty . A	166	K/7/287	Govindaraju.M
2	K/1/42	Keshavan V	57	K/2/172	Suvarna.H.B.	112	K/5/107	Giridhar .N	167	K/7/303	Anusuya A.R
3	K/1/44	Srinivasan M.S	58	K/2/173	Lakshmi Narayana Reddy	113	K/5/119	Venugopal K.N	168	K/7/304	Vijaya M.C
4	K/1/51	Ramesh Narayan	59	K/2/174	Gopikavarjevan Shah	114	K/5/120	Siddalingappa P.	169	K/7/305	Rukmini.M.B
5	K/1/52	Ram V.S.	60	K/2/181	Subramanya Bhat.V.	115	K/5/132	Yadugiri M.A	170	K/7/311	Suma.C
6	K/1/63	Seetha Narayan	61	K/2/216	Kulkarni.R.D.	116	K/5/136	Bharathi	171	K/7/345	Rajesh Choudary
7	K/1/73	Shantha Varadhan	62	K/2/219	Ashok Kumar Singal	117	K/5/150	Lingamma	172	K/7/409	Lavanya M.S
8	K/1/108	Babulal H Mehtha	63	K/2/223	Geetha A.	118	K/5/160	Manjula B.S.	173	K/7/423	Munilakshmi
9	K/1/114	Sekhari Bai Giriraj	64	K/2/264	Mahesh .B.	119	K/5/183	Ganga Sudhakar	174	K/7/460	Anantha Padmanabha.R.
10	K/1/116	Chandrashekar Shastry B.S.	65	K/2/304	Raju.G.	120	K/5/221	Reva Maini	175	K/7/467	Rajendran V. Channapatna
11	K/1/128	Sudhakar.K.	66	K/2/329	Latha.C.	121	K/5/235	Jayashree Jagadish	176	K/8/2	Ramesh N.R
12	K/1/130	Bheemachar.H.	67	K/2/330	Nagaveni.R.N.	122	K/5/236	Venkatesh E.S.	177	K/8/11	Suresh Rao.R
13	K/1/138	Veena P. Krishnaswamy	68	K/2/338	Umesh S. Durgakeri	123	K/5/237	Panduranga Dasa E.S.	178	K/8/22	Sainath Reddy M.V.
14	K/1/146	K. Amarnath	69	K/2/429	Dr.Sharada Rao	124	K/5/238	Vijaya H. Kasthuri	179	K/8/32	Srilatha R.
15	K/1/162	Alli Somasundaram	70	K/2/499	Narasimha N. Prabhu	125	K/5/239	Ponnavva B.C.	180	K/8/33	Radha N
16	K/1/183	Devendra Kumar Guptha	71	K/3/3	Mannarswamy. D.	126	K/5/241	Shashi D. Umesh	181	K/8/41	Jayavanth Ghorpade. V
17	K/1/184	Vijayakumari.M.	72	K/3/32	Kulkarni R.N	127	K/5/270	Sundar S.	182	K/8/45	Rajendran B.K
18	K/1/196	Kannan M. Jayaram	73	K/3/38	Shekar K.C	128	K/5/296	Indra Kumar K.S.	183	K/8/69	Vimala.G.
19	K/1/201	Seshadri.T.R	74	K/3/95	Jampana Nagaraju	129	K/5/305	Ramanathan T.V.	184	K/8/72	Rajashekar K.S
20	K/1/214	Rama Murthy.A.B.	75	K/3/106	Dr. Panduranga.K	130	K/5/350	Amarnath Kamath	185	K/8/105	Asha Swamy Bijjahalli
21	K/1/225	Dakshayini Devi M.	76	K/3/107	Srinivasa Murthy K .P	131	K/5/351	Rama Devi A.	186	K/8/109	Devaraja J
22	K/1/240	Subrahmanyam. G.B.S.	77	K/3/110	Mohan.S	132	K/5/442	Prakash V. Kanagalkar	187	K/8/118	Hima Bindu P.S.
23	K/1/241	Viswanathan.P.M	78	K/3/114	Vasudeva N.K	133	K/6/43	Borgaonkar N. Shankar	188	K/8/129	Venkata Swamy
24	K/1/245	Sridhara.K.R.	79	K/3/115	Salil R.Shetty	134	K/6/44	Sanjay P. Maind	189	K/8/143	Rajiv Swamy
25	K/1/266	Sitaram.N.V.	80	K/3/129	Dilsher Singh Gill	135	K/6/71	Ashok Sahani	190	K/8/144	Aruna Swamy
26	K/1/303	Punit Kumar Jain	81	K/3/165	Kotyan.R.A	136	K/6/74	Sridhar C.V.	191	K/8/167	Uday Shankar D.K.
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Anyone who wants a decent, democratic government ought to be concerned about judges who ... issue unjust decisions

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— Ramnath Goenka

OUR COUNTRY'S PRISONS ARE A TICKING VIRUS TIME BOMB

Prisons brimful with undertrials have long been a stark sign of a travesty of justice in India. Now, Covid-19 adds another disturbing element. Jail conditions, abysmal to begin with, offer a kind of petri dish for infectious diseases. Two out of three prisoners in an Indian jail are in enforced proximity—roughly 70% of those behind bars, including a record number of children of prisoners.

The idea of the prison as a place of reformation has long ceased to be our guiding principle. Moral reparation is on no one's mind. Now, even political prisoners, the ill and the elderly among them, are not spared the harder edge of prison life. It's often said even the colonial British did not treat political prisoners the way they are now treated. Even in the dark days of Emergency, when virtually the entire political opposition was incarcerated, they were not made to live in subhuman conditions—the controversy over Jayaprakash Narayan notwithstanding, or Gayatri Devi being made to share a cell with commoners. There were no harrowing stories rife about 300 prisoners having to share a single stinking toilet. Social distancing, of course, is an impossibility in such conditions. No prison across the length and breadth of India is anything less than a hell.

Not just prisoners, even jail staff have tested Covid positive—153 prisoners and 92 jail staff in Tamil Nadu alone. In Assam, the situation is so bad the state's human rights body has sought the CM's intervention. Maharashtra, of course, is a class apart. It not only tops the Covid charts, its jail conditions are among the poorest. Kerala has at least been taking its remand prisoners for testing instead of awaiting divine mercy. Karnataka too released 1,200-odd prisoners under court direction to decongest jails. We are leaving a time bomb ticking, particularly when the judiciary is working at half mast. Unless this indeed is the intention, and we do not wish to call ourselves a civilised democracy anymore.

THE CHALLENGE FOR NEW-LOOK IPL

Albeit late by a few months, the time is approaching when the nation forgets everything else and gets glued to the Indian Premier League (IPL). It is going to be held in the UAE from September 19 to November 8 without fans in the stands. But the thrill will remain the same for the millions who watch on TV or online. Modern sports events do not need crowds in stadia to survive. Although the presence of fans creates an atmosphere that cannot be matched, business does not depend on it. Money from telecast rights takes care of that. The IPL will be following the model put in practice in the European football leagues, Formula One, NBA and, to a lesser extent, the England-West Indies Test series.

While that is a major similarity between some of the global sports events and the IPL, organisers of the T20 league must make sure that other determinants too remain the same. It is not just about barring spectators from galleries and counting the money received from broadcasters. All sports to have resumed during the pandemic are following safety protocols to the T. Everything is happening in a bio-secure environment that is not seen on television. Behind the scenes, huge efforts are made to keep the participants and stakeholders safe. All steps are taken to ensure that nothing pricks the bio bubble. The challenge for the IPL is meeting those standards.

As the event is happening in the UAE, the Covid-19 guidelines of that nation will be followed. So it becomes the responsibility of the Board of Control for Cricket in India to see to it that there are no norm violations like late nights, hanging out with friends or obliging requests for selfies. The IPL by design has a lot of people like film stars, sponsors, agents, their relatives and friends around the players. There is a lot of freedom for everybody. These things have to be curbed and the entire exercise has to happen in a new environment with no room for deviations. The success of the new-look IPL will depend on the implementation of these principles, not just on staging it in another nation with pomp.

The apex court was right in recently saying that the rebel Rajasthan MLAs have a right to dissent. How then, in the same breath, can critics of judges be called contemnors?

MY LORDS, THREAT OF CONTEMPT IS NOT THE REMEDY

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My Lords,

This petition is being filed against the respondents (High Courts and the Supreme Court of India) for contempt of the Constitution committed by their varying interpretations of fundamental rights guaranteed in what is a holy book to all of us, the citizens of India. This book looks at freedom of speech and expression as our paramount right that should prevail over all others. Without wasting the time of the Honourable Judges, let us get to the point.

The inherent weakness in the way our democracy functions is that the response to any issue is often based on the individual(s) who raises it or the political colour of the person concerned, juxtaposed against the line of the party in power. As it happened yet again a few days ago when senior lawyer Prashant Bhushan posted two tweets—one of them by and large factual and the other, a comment against four past Chief Justices of the SC. He could have been wrong in respect of the latter but it was a citizen's perception of the state of the judiciary. Yet, contempt has been preferred on the ground that the remark has brought the administration of justice into disrepute. Let's delink Prashant Bhushan and evaluate the issue at hand.

Two of the four former CJs referred to in the tweets figured in the famous January 2018 press conference by the then sitting judges of this very court: Justices J Chelameswar, Ranjan Gogoi, Madan Lokur and Kurian Joseph. Their letter of complaint against the then Chief Justice Dipak Misra began thus: "It is with great anguish that we thought it proper to highlight certain judicial orders passed by this court which has adversely affected the functioning of the justice delivery system besides impacting the administrative functioning of the office of Chief Justice..." Referring to cases of far-reaching consequences assigned selectively by the CJI, they said, "... such departures have already damaged the image of the institution to some extent." When the Rajya Sabha Chairperson rejected the plea of MPs for the impeachment of the CJI, a PIL was filed and Justice Misra himself decided and dismissed it!! As for Gogoi, he ascended the same seat later and is now a member of the Rajya Sabha, nominated by the ruling party. Could the four judges be guilty of contempt, even though one should accept they were leaning on the side of justice at the time of holding the press conference?

Lest people lose faith in the justice system, comments such as "dissent cannot be suppressed" keep coming from the HCs and SC. We heard it again most recently in the context of Congress MLAs of Rajasthan revolting against the chief minister. Even if one were to argue that the MLAs in the current episode are defectors willing to sell themselves in an auction, a tradition set by the Congress and pursued with greater vigour by the current rulers, the court was right in saying they still have a right to dissent. How then, in the same breath, My Lords, can your critics be called contemnors?

Judges often remark that their judgments are based on law and on arguments advanced within the four walls of the courtroom. But experience has been that they are also largely influenced by the ideologies of the justices—their values, views, prejudices and so on. And this is true of the more evolved American Constitutional jurisprudence, too. Erwin Chemerinsky, whose legal acumen has been undisputed, indicted the US top court as a failure at its most important moments. He accused it of being a silent spectator to "egregious violation of basic liberties", "always sailing with the majority, businesses and those in power" and described it as an "Emperor that truly has no clothes". None considered hauling him up for contempt.

We have our own Chemerinsky, late H M Seervai, arguably the most distinguished exponent of Constitutional law and whose books are widely used in the HCs and SC. It may be useful to current practitioners of law—both in the Bar and Bench—to read up his scathing observations against six of the seven SC judges who delivered the verdict in a contempt case involving a member of the UP legislature in 1965. Seervai accused the judges—Gajendragadkar (CJ), Subba Rao, Wanchoo, Hidayatullah, J C Shah and Rajagopala Ayyangar—of "having turned a blind eye", "closing their minds", "being personally interested in the case" and "approaching the issue with a predetermined mindset". None dared say anything against Seervai because more often than not, the judges themselves depended on his interpretation of the Constitution. When former Union Law Minister late P Shiv Shankar said in 1987 that the SC essentially comprises people from the elite and had become a haven for "FERA violators, bride burners and reactionaries", the SC merely felt he could have avoided such harsh language. Renowned Marxist E M S Namboodiripad, of course, saw the judiciary as "an instrument of oppression".

> Like the four former SC judges, some feel it is their duty to speak out for a larger cause. This is because inconsistencies in judicial pronouncements, particularly those that go against the disadvantaged and opponents of government, are only increasing. The remedy is ... to ensure respect for the notion of justice

My Lords, we have declared ourselves a democratic country (whether it's just a façade is a bigger debate). We have given ourselves a Constitution that protects individual liberties and a Supreme Court to ensure that they are enforced. The underlying emphasis being that the majority should never be allowed to trample on the rights of the minorities—be it political, social, racial or economic. The Emergency saw the detention of political opponents, from sympathisers of Naxalites to RSS swayamsevaks. What we are seeing now is denial of bail to those who have no reason to be kept in jail, including 60-plus intellectual-activist Sudha Bharadwaj, despite her suffering from an ailment that reduces flow of blood. It is as violative of fundamental rights as it was to deny bail to an Islamic preacher who stayed in prison for nine years only to be acquitted finally, or to police officers accused in an encounter case and kept in prison for years as undertrials—both during the earlier regime. The point that should not be missed is that fundamental rights apply even to those who do not profess faith in the Constitution. It will be a waste of time and space to recall how our own SC behaved during the Emergency. As to what is happening now, it will be recorded in the days to come.

My Lords, there is nothing personal in the criticism of the judiciary or those who helm it. Like Seervai and the four former judges, some feel it is their duty to speak out, maybe even to indulge in personal criticism, for a larger cause. This is because inconsistencies in judicial pronouncements, particularly those that go against the disadvantaged and opponents of government, are only increasing. The remedy is not the threat of contempt but to ensure respect for the notion of justice, which is fast eroding. Remember, countries like the UK, from which we have borrowed our jurisprudence, abolished contempt power as incompatible with the freedom of speech.

PUBLIC TRANSPORT IN THE TIME OF COVID

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IPS Officer and Managing Director of two public sector bus companies

Cyclone Fani in May 2019 caused huge devastation in Bhubaneswar, the capital city of Odisha, and nearby areas. The fallen trees on the roads brought life to a standstill. This also put the brakes on the popular City Bus Service, Mo Bus, run by the Capital Region Urban Transport (CRUT), a special-purpose vehicle of the state government. The ridership of Mo Bus came down drastically. The company took weeks to recover from the shock. Back then, nobody anticipated a tsunami called Covid-19. The city bus service had an average ridership of 1.15 lakh passengers per day in the first two months of year 2020. In the month of March, it was close to zero.

The Covid crisis has crippled all sectors of the economy, not only in India but across the world. Public transport is one of the worst affected sectors, as it will face long-term effects due to Covid-19. Urban public transport is usually a loss-making venture. There is hardly any public sector city bus service in India and even around the world that makes a profit. Covid-19 has deepened these financial difficulties further. During the lockdown for almost two months, the bus services were stopped. Now when the sector is opening up, the requirement of social distancing is a major challenge. The CRUT, for example, has announced that all passengers have to wear a mask and there will be no standing passengers. In city bus services, standing passengers form a major part of total ridership. The social distancing norms have obviously hit them hard financially. Anyhow people are extremely cautious in moving out and travelling. Due to the fear of infections, travel is now undertaken only as a necessary evil.

Another issue is the safety of the bus crew. Drivers and conductors of public buses are exposed to the threat of corona infection. Conductors especially have to interact with hundreds of people every day and exchange tickets and cash with them. Adhering to social distancing rules is not easy for them. Most of the companies are providing PPEs to their staff. However, in the summer season, continuous use of PPEs in non-AC buses is suffocating and almost impossible. AC buses have more or less gone out of service due to fear of infection.

During the Covid-19 crisis, the public transport sector has also seen some positive changes such as increased digital transactions. Bus companies have wanted to move towards digitisation for long as it helps in controlling revenue pilferage. However, many people were not adapting to the digital mode. Now in every sphere of economic activity, digital transactions are increasing. In buses too, people don't want to exchange physical tickets and currency notes that are touched by multiple people during their circulation. This fear has benefitted public transport in terms of increased use of digital modes of payment.

Another silver lining in this dark cloud is the awareness towards the environment. For years, experts have been warning us about the disastrous impact of road traffic on the environment. But this is the first time that we can see this impact with our own eyes. In the last few months, the skies and air are cleaner. Wildlife is reclaiming its space. We can see more birds all around. People in the plains like Punjab and Bihar could see the mountain peaks of Himalayas for the first time. These visuals are likely to stay in human memory for a long time to come. One can hope that it will rekindle interest in the protection of the environment and a new thrust for the use of public transport.

> Despite Covid-19 induced fears, public transport is an indispensable part of urban life. Given the current fiscal scenario, the government has limitations in supporting any particular sector. We have to find innovative ways to revive and sustain the services

In spite of inherent financial weaknesses and Covid-19 induced fears, public transport is an indispensable part of urban life. Lakhs of people depend on city buses for their daily commute. We know for sure that the absence of effective and efficient public transport has a negative impact and results in traffic congestion, air pollution, etc. The governments have been rightly supporting the sector over the years. Even now, despite the severe financial hardship, state governments have announced tax exemptions for public transport vehicles so that the services do not collapse altogether.

The increased dependence of the public transport sector on the government is likely to continue for a few months, if not years. However, given the current fiscal scenario, the government has limitations in supporting any particular sector. We have to find innovative ways to revive and sustain the services. For example, government employees can be encouraged to travel by public transport, saving transport allowance on the one hand and resulting in an increase in bus ridership on the other.

One main reason for less ridership is the fear of infection in crowded buses. A policy of staggered working hours both for the public and private sector can help in better Covid management by reducing peak hour demand and ensuring optimum use of public transport. There is also a need to educate people about Covid-19 measures like disinfection of buses and adherence to social distancing norms so that their faith in public transport is restored. Many countries are promoting cycles and e-bikes as a mode of transport that takes care of social distancing.

In spite of the gloomy situation, public transport has to run. A lot of other activities depend on this sector. You cannot think of Mumbai without BEST buses or Delhi without the Metro. In the current crisis, an intelligent combination of policy in terms of customer care, financing and increase in non-fare revenue has to be employed, so that multiple objectives of economy, environment, health and affordability are achieved without much burden on the already stressed government exchequer.

(Tweets @arunbothra)

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Viral clusters in prisons

Since the practice of social distancing in prisons is difficult, the possibility of clusters forming there is high *(Focus on containing Covid spread in prisons*, July 27). Authorities should take this matter seriously and address it.

Vinod Narayanan, Thiruvananthapuram

Hold them in open spaces

Prisoners need not necessarily be housed within four walls. They can be held in captivity in open spaces and allotted jobs like vegetable gardening and manufacturing under guard. This will allow for social distancing.

Dr George Jacob, Kochi

Set an example to people

Our political leaders from both major parties are indulging in fighting each other, oblivious to the suffering of the poor (*Bipartisanship absent even in the face of crises*, July 27). During such turbulent times, politicians should set an example to others by remaining united.

R Krishnamachary, Chennai

Where is India heading?

The editorial makes one wonder where the country is heading towards. The present political leadership has failed to educate the next generation properly about what a democracy means.

E P Menon, Bengaluru

Wearing masks properly

This is with reference to *What the govt should do about masks* (July 27). The editorial rightly stresses on the quality of masks, an essential tool in fighting the pandemic. But it is also important to address the proper way of wearing them. Many people wear it below the chin, or tend to lower it when talking to someone.

Umesh Chandra Mishra, Bhubaneswar

Standardise quality

Standardisation of the quality of masks is needed. Punishments for not wearing them can be put in place after sufficient masks are made available to the public.

Antony Fernandez, Mahe

Don't privatise space sector

The article *Why IN-SPACe will be more challenging than Chandrayaan-2* (July 27) sums up the undesirability of privatising our space industry. The Centre should take note of the points made by the author.

Hemantha Bhide, Mangaluru

Actor's generosity

After helping thousands of migrant workers reach their homes, actor Sonu Sood broke new ground by gifting a new tractor to a farmer in Andhra Pradesh after hearing how the man had to get his daughters to plough his field as he couldn't afford a tractor. Kudos.

Parthasarathy Mandadi, Tirupati

Resuscitating global trade

Rich nations and the IMF should come to the rescue of underdeveloped nations with loans on moderate terms so that the latter can manage external debt (*Addressing the debt build-up due to Covid-19*, July 27). This will help resuscitate global trade too.

A M Chakravarty, Hyderabad

Honouring Shakuntala Devi

'Human computer' Shakuntala Devi has been honoured all over the world, but it is unfortunate that she has so far not been awarded the Bharat Ratna. The government must honour her.

K Gopalan, Chennai

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TWEETS OF THE DAY

Narendra Modi @narendramodi
The courage and professionalism of the CRPF are widely admired. May the CRPF achieve even greater heights in the coming years.

P Chidambaram @PChidambaram_IN
I sincerely hope that the President will take note of what is happening in Rajasthan and do what is right in the circumstances

Tejashwi Yadav @yadavtejashwi
My humble tributes to the immensely popular People's President, lifelong 'teacher' and 'Missile Man' of India, Bharat Ratna Shri A P J Abdul Kalam Sir

5L: India reaches crucial milestone on Covid testing

But majority of these are RAT which miss a large no. of +ve cases

SUMI SUKANYA DUTTA @New Delhi

INDIA, on Sunday, reached a significant milestone of carrying out over 5 lakh tests in a day to detect new Covid 19 tests amid concerns that majority of these tests are antigen tests — that miss a large number of positive cases.

The ICMR, on Monday, said that 5,15,472 tests were conducted on Sunday.

As a total of 49,931 fresh cases were detected during the same period, taking the total number of confirmed infections to 14,354,53. So far, 1,68,06,803 samples have been tested in the country.

The real problem in tackling the pandemic in India as of now is that states are increasingly using antigen tests which miss nearly half positive cases as compared to gold standard RTPCR test.

The council's testing guidelines say that the tests carried out on suspects should be antigen tests first and those who test positive should be treated as true positive and be dealt with according to their clinical symptoms. However, it says, only those who have symptoms but are negative on antigen tests should be followed with RTPCR tests to further assess them. This approach, most believe, is deeply problematic.

"While the antigen test has a high specificity, its sensitivity is just 40-50 % in the real world," said a researcher and senior doctor at Medanta hospital in Gurugram. "This means if one is antigen test negative, one still has to rule out Covid by RTPCR. However, if the antigen test is positive, that confirms Covid."

The ICMR however has not been sharing information on the break of tests being carried every day. A message seeking response on Sunday's figure by this newspaper has remained unanswered.

Public health researcher Oommen C Kurian said, "Assuming that those symptomatic cases missed by the antigen tests are also tested by RTPCR, this need not lead to delay in treatment necessarily," adding, "however, it may miss a number of asymptomatic cases, and that is a concern."

Kurian reckoned that the government's shift may be understandable since the focus seems to be on reducing the pace of the spread quickly and reducing deaths, rather than finding every positive case and "eradicating" the virus.

"I think this is the closest we will ever get to an open admission of community spread by the government," he said.

Some epidemiologists however said that too much emphasis on testing and contact tracing was not practical given our limited resources.

"Also, testing, tracing and isolation are important in the beginning or during the end of a pandemic but I am afraid we are far from both," said Dr Amitabh Banerjee who teaches community medicine in a medical college in Pune.

"Our focus should therefore be on saving lives and giving hospital care to those who need it."

A health worker collects a sample for Covid test in Solapur, Maharashtra | PTI

Engineering, management seats take a hit this yr

SUMI SUKANYA DUTTA @New Delhi

THE number of engineering, management and some other technical degree seats in old institutions in the country are going down by about 1.5 lakh this year while about 1.4 lakh additional seats are being added by new institutions or those raising student intakes.

Nearly 1.5 lakh seats for the 2020-21 academic session have been dropped on account of closure of institutions, punitive action by the technical education regulator or failure of some institutions to get renewals.

However, as about 1.4 lakh new seats in these streams have also been added.

According to All India Council for Technical Education (AICTE) 30,88,512 seats have been allowed in 9,691 institutions for 2020-21.

Apart from engineering and management, other streams that the AICTE governs include town planning, applied arts and crafts, hotel management and catering technology.

Overall, the number of seats approved by the AICTE has gone down by over 2.5 lakh, as compared to the last year. A total of 179 institutions which had 34, 553 seats have shut down this year.

The sharpest reduction in the seats — 69, 965 in 765 institutions — was due to course closure or course division due to low intake of students for many years in a row.

On the other hand, 134 institutions with 40,578 seats, had not applied for renewal this year.

Also, 164 new institutes with 39,656 seats were approved for starting admissions this year while 1,311 existing colleges raised student intake by 1,02,397 in ongoing courses and programmes. "Due to the imposition and subsequent extensions of lockdown, the approval process was delayed," AICTE said in a statement.

"Few AICTE Approved Colleges have not sought approval this year in view of the large number of seats lying vacant over the last 5 years thus making it unviable for continuing the institution," said the regulator. It added, "As per AICTE policy and guidelines, there has been 50 % reduction in seats in colleges where enrollment has been less than 30 percent of approved intake consecutively for the last 5 years."

Starting 2016, AICTE has been paying a lot of attention to raise the quality of education being provided in technical institutions across the country.

EVACUATION

Fifth phase of Vande Bharat from August 1

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @New Delhi

THE fifth phase of the Centre's repatriation exercise for evacuating Indian nationals stranded in foreign countries will begin from August 1.

Flights to the USA, Canada, Qatar, Oman, UAE, Australia, Germany, Thailand, Singapore, UK, Germany, Saudi Arabia, Bahrain, New Zealand, Philippines and several other countries have been planned under the phase-V of Vande Bharat Mission starting from August 1 this year.

"Under Vande Bharat Mission, we have already brought back more than 2.5 lakh stranded Indians from 53 commies," Air India said in a statement. "We will be soon announcing a host of additional flights under Vande Bharat Mission Phase 5 starting from 1st August 2020," the national carrier said.

Flights for the USA, Canada, Qatar, Oman, UAE, Australia, Germany, Thailand, Singapore, UK, Germany, Saudi Arabia, Bahrain, New Zealand, Philippines and several other countries have been planned under this phase. Aviation minister Hardeep Singh Puri said, "Like we did earlier, more destinations and flights will be added as this phase progresses."

The government started Vande Bharat Mission on May 7. The mission is in its fourth phase now. More than 814K stranded Indians have returned through various means under VBM since 6 May 2020, out of which more than 270K returned on flights from 53 countries.

The first batch of Rafale aircrafts prepares to take off from Dassault Aviation Facility in Merignac, France. (L) Crew preparing for the flight | PTI

To travel 7,288 kms

The aircraft will traverse a total air distance of 7,287.92 km and would reach Ambala on 29 July subject to weather. No 17 Squadron, the 'Golden Arrows', is being raised at this base equipped with Rafale aircraft.

First batch of 5 Rafale jets fly from France for Ambala

MAYANK SINGH AND PUSHKAR BANAKAR @New Delhi

THE first batch of five Rafale fighter jets took off from France for India on Monday and is expected to arrive at the country's oldest air base Ambala in Haryana on Wednesday. Three of the aircraft are single seaters while the other two are twin-seaters.

"The first five Indian Air Force (IAF) Rafales have taken off from Dassault Aviation Facility, Merignac, France, today morning," an Indian Air Force statement said.

"The aircraft are likely to arrive at Air Force Station, Ambala, on 29 July subject to weather. No 17 Squadron, the 'Golden Arrows', is being raised at this base equipped with Rafale aircraft," IAF said.

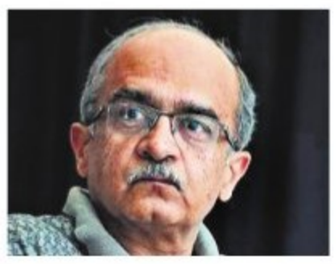
The ferry of the aircraft is planned in two stages and will be undertaken by IAF pilots who have undergone comprehensive training on the Rafales. The air-to-air refuelling planned during the first leg of the ferry will be undertaken by these pilots with dedicated tanker support from the French Air Force.

India's Ambassador to France Jawed Ashraf, who oversaw the departure, said in a video released by the Indian embassy, "Our air force pilots tell us these are extremely swift, nimble, very versatile and deadly aircraft. They are both beauty and beast. They are superb flying machines being flown by the best pilots in the world."

The Rafales will add up to the IAF's combat jet squadron that has a sanctioned strength of 42 and will boost the combat effectiveness and overall deterrence of the force.

According to sources, the command of the first Rafale squadron is being given to Group Captain Harkirat Singh, who was awarded Shaurya Chakra in 2009 for his brave act that helped save his MiG-21 Bison that had developed engine complications. He has also flown Su-30.

Seven Indian pilots are said to be flying the Rafales to India. The aircraft will traverse a total air distance of 4,528.50 miles (7,287.92 km).



Contempt notice: 131 dignitaries back Bhushan

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @New Delhi

DAYS after contempt of court notice was slapped on advocate **Prashant Bhushan** for his two tweets, a group of 131 prominent citizens, including former Supreme Court judge Justice Madan B. Lokur and Swaraj India President Yogendra Yadav expressed solidarity with Bhushan and urged the court to withdraw the contempt proceedings.

"In the interest of justice and fairness and to maintain the dignity of the Supreme Court of India, the proceedings should be withdrawn," the statement reads. It also raised concerns about the top court's reluctance to carry out its constitutionally mandated role as a check on governmental excess and violation of fundamental rights of the people by the state.

"The initiation of contempt proceedings against Bhushan, who had articulated some of these concerns in his tweets, appears to be an attempt at stifling such criticism, not just by Bhushan, but by all stakeholders in the Indian democratic and constitutional set-up," read the statement adding that the Supreme Court must be open to public discussion without the fear of retribution.

"The principle that criticism of the judiciary should not be stifled by indiscriminate use of the power of contempt has been recognised by SC as well as by academics and advocates of repute," the statement said.

The signatories include historian Ramachandra Guha, ex-Delhi HC judge Justice A.P. Shah, author Arundhati Roy, Bhardwaj, lawyer Indira Jaising, among several others.

'Want updates on Rao's health'

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @Mumbai

FAMILY members of Hyderabad-based poet and activist Varavara Rao has written to Maharashtra Home Minister Anil Deshmukh requesting 'transparent information' on Rao's health status regularly.

They complained that they were denied any information about Rao's health condition or treatment at Nanavati Hospital for the last twelve days.

"We are extremely worried and anxious to know about his health... We are writing to you since he is lodged in a jail under your ministry as an under-trial prisoner and it is your bounden duty to look after his well-being. It is also your duty to inform his family in case of any problem to his health, as per the Charter of Patient Rights prepared by Union Health and Family Welfare Ministry," stated the letter.

'Won't lie about Chinese intrusion even if my political career goes to hell'

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @New Delhi

STEPPING up attack over on the centre over Chinese intrusion in Ladakh, Congress leader Rahul Gandhi Monday said he doesn't care if stating truth costs him his political career and that those lying about Chinese presence on India's land are not patriotic and nationalistic.

"Now, it is pretty clear that the Chinese have entered our territory. This disturbs me. It makes frankly my blood boil. Hiding the truth is anti-national. Bringing it to people's attention is patriotic. How can some other nation just come into our territory?" he said in a video message, as part of series on the India-China standoff at the LAC.

On how he would react to people who say his questions to PM Modi on China weakened India, Rahul said, "If you want me to lie that the Chinese have not entered this country, I am not going to lie. I will simply not do it. I do not care if my whole career goes to hell. I am not going to lie."

"So frankly, I do not care if it costs me politically. I do not care if I have no political career at all after that. But I am going to say the truth as far as Indian territory is concerned. As an Indian, my number one priority is the nation and its people," he added. This was the fourth video in series.

Reacting sharply at the former Congress chief's remark, BJP spokesperson and Rajya Sabha MP GVL Narsimha Rao said, "Rahul Gadhi refuses to learn from his past mistakes. He doubted the bravery of the soldiers after the surgical strike. He followed it up again after the Balakot strike. He's again committing the same mistake by making false claims on the standoff with China in East Ladakh."

The BJP, incidentally, has scaled down reactions to Gandhi, who has been posting regular short video commentaries on standoff with China.

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Rahul Gandhi, Congress ex-president

Rahul's 4th video in series

Congress ex-chief Rahul Gandhi has been tweeting along with over-a-minute-long videos, as part of a series launched by him on the India-China face-off along the LAC in eastern Ladakh. This 4th such video in the series.

NATION-WIDE STIR

Cong leaders protest outside Raj Bhavans

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @New Delhi

THE Congress on Monday staged protests outside Raj Bhavans in various states over alleged attempts to topple the Ashok Gehlot government in Rajasthan.

In Lucknow, Uttar Pradesh Congress chief Ajay Kumar Lallu, Rajya Sabha MP P L Punia and around 150 party workers were arrested while staging a dharna outside the Raj Bhavan. They were released later on personal bonds.

In Mumbai, ministers Balasaheb Thorat, Ashok Chavan and Varsha Gaikwad along with party workers shouted slogans against Rajasthan Governor Kalraj Mishra. "The conspiracies to bring down non-BJP government have been hatched in the residences of the governors. It is misuse of the post of governor," Thorat said.

In Patna, too, the party's state chief Madan Mohan Jha, led a dharna. Later, a six-member party delegation submitted a memorandum to the governor's office, urging President Ram Nath Kovind to intervene.

Protests were held outside Raj Bhavans in Kolkata, Dehradun, Raipur and other state capitals, too.

In Gandhinagar, about 60 Congress workers, including state Congress president Amit Chavda and LoP Paresh Dhanani, were detained by police as they marched towards the Raj Bhavan.

Congress activists stage a demonstration against the alleged anti-democratic and anti-constitutional actions of the BJP in Kolkata | PTI

Final-yr exam: Next hearing on UGC move on July 31

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @New Delhi

THE Supreme Court on Monday said that it will have the next hearing on July 31 on the plea against the University Grants Commission (UGC) decision on making final year university examinations mandatory.

The court has asked Solicitor General Tushar Mehta to file reply on batch of petitions by July 29.

The bench was hearing the petition by petitioners including 31 university students as well as individual ones like that of Yuva Sena.

On July 7, UGC said that the end-term examination for all final-year students would have to be mandatorily held by the end of September 2020 in offline (pen and paper), online or blended mode.

This was opposed by several state governments like that of Maharashtra, West Bengal as also by final-year university students. During the brief hearing, Mehta said that out of 818 universities in India, 209 have already competed the examinations while 394 are in the process of completing the examinations. He added that 35 universities have not reached final year exams.

"In light of Covid, there were three situations envisaged for exams, either compete offline exams, like we used to take earlier, complete online or a merger of both. Inspite of this if some cases were left out, we will work out something soon," Mehta told the bench.

Alakh Alok, an advocate appearing for the students said that there needs to be a stay on the UGC guidelines of July 7.

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LALU TESTS -VE

Jailed RJD chief Lalu Prasad, currently undergoing treatment at a Ranchi hospital for multiple ailments, has tested negative for coronavirus, a senior doctor at the facility said on Monday

16 YEAR-OLD BATHING IN RIVER KILLED BY CROCODILE IN ODISHA

Ahmedabad	37	25	Mumbai	33	26
Bhopal	34	24	Panaji	31	25
Jaipur	37	26	Patna	35	28
Amritsar	34	28	Lucknow	37	26
Chennai	36	28	Port Blair	31	25
Kolkata	35	28	Imphal	30	22
Srinagar	31	19	Chandigarh	34	26

An aerial view of the flooded Collectorate Ghat at the bank of Ganga in Patna on Monday. So far, at least eight people have died in Bihar | PTI

Flood fury rages on in Assam, Bihar

Actor Priyanka Chopra, husband donate for relief; a million more affected in 11 Bihar dists

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@Guwahati/Patna

THE flood situation in Assam and Bihar continues to be grim. One more death was reported in Assam, taking the toll to 103. Major rivers such as Brahmaputra, Dhansiri, Jia Bharali, Beki and Kopili are flowing above the danger level.

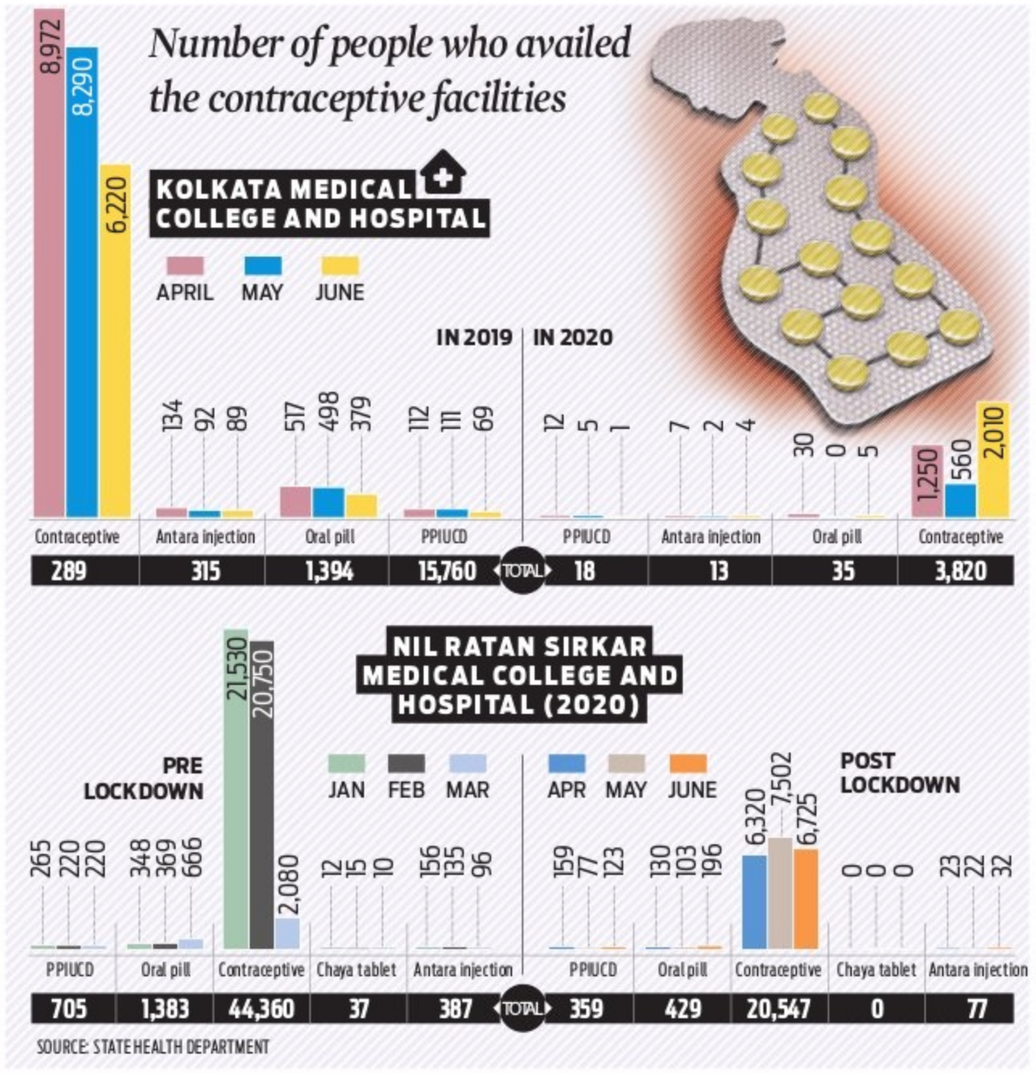
After Britain's royals, the Duke and Duchess of Cambridge, another celebrity couple that has expressed concern over the situation is actor Priyanka Chopra, who was the brand ambassador of Assam Tourism from 2016 to 2018, and her husband Nick Jonas.

"While we are all still dealing with the effects of the global pandemic, the Indian state of Assam has been grappling with another major crisis. It has been devastated by floods... The impact to life and land/property is unimaginable. The rapidly rising water level has also flooded the Kaziranga National Park, one of the finest wildlife sanctuaries in the world," tweeted Priyanka, who is now based in the US.

"They need our attention and support. I'm sharing details of a few credible organizations that are doing some good work on the ground in Assam, and Nick and I have made a donation to each. Let us support them so they can continue to help those in need," she said.

According to the Assam State Disaster Management Authority, nearly 23 lakh people across 22 of the state's 33 districts are reeling under the deluge and 45,565 of them are lodged in 432 relief camps in 17 districts. At Kaziranga, 132 animals, including 14 rhinos, had died till Monday.

In Bihar, more and more blocks in 11 districts are being inundated. An official release said the number of people affected by flood rose by a whopping 9.5 lakh within a day — from 14,95,132 on Sunday to 24,42,527 on Monday. The government has confirmed eight deaths so far, though unofficial sources believe the figure to be over 25. Pratyay Amrit, principal secretary, disaster management, said 24,42,527 people have been affected in 11 districts.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KOLKATA MEDICAL COLLEGE AND HOSPITAL
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IN 2019 IN 2020
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Contraceptive | Antara injection | Oral pill | PPIUCD | PPIUCD | Antara injection | Oral pill | Contraceptive
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APR MAY JUNE
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SOURCE: STATE HEALTH DEPARTMENT

Bengal fears rise in cases of unwanted motherhood

PRANAB MONDAL @Kolkata

POOR access to contraceptives available at state-run hospitals because of lockdown will result in lakhs of unwanted mature and pre-mature pregnancies, leading to a spurt in unsafe abortions, maternal deaths and the next year's birth rate, the state health department fears.

Health officials say family planning services at government facilities are badly hit because of poor access to contraceptives, such as condoms and oral pills, because of the lockdown phases necessitated by Covid-19 pandemic.

Data available at a prominent state-run hospital in Kolkata shows only 3,820 persons collected contraceptives in April, May and June this year while the figure was 15,760 last year for the same period. Similarly, only 35% collected oral pills in the past three months when 1,394 people turned up for the facility during the last year.

In another government hospital in Kolkata, over 44,000 persons collected contraceptives in the first three months and then the figure dropped to around 20,500 till last month since the lockdown was imposed.

"During the first phase of the lockdown that started from March-end to early June, family planning programmes at government hospitals, such as abortion, inserting postpartum intrauterine contraceptive device, distributing condoms, contraceptive pills and injections, almost came to a halt. Legal abortion clinics run by private organisations and private clinics were not functional across the state. There was a scarcity of contraceptive pills," said an official of the health department.

> Many women missed their contraceptive cycle and renewal of oral pills during lockdown. In such cases, the foetus might get harmed
>
> A health department official

The official said many women who conceived 20 weeks ago could not go to a clinic or healthcare centre for abortion. "Now, these women cannot go for abortion legally. As a result, if they try to adopt illegal ways, it will cause risk to their lives," he said. "Many women also missed their contraceptive cycle and renewal of oral pills during lockdown. In such cases, the foetus might get harmed. These women needed surgical abortion which was not possible."

Another senior official of the health department said, "Since the women, who became victims of unwanted pregnancy, could not go for abortion, we are expecting a spurt in the birth rate between end of this year and February, 2021. As a result, government hospitals will have a heavy footfall of mothers with advanced stages of pregnancy."

Ismat Ara Khatun, secretary of Accredited Social Health Activist's (ASHA) union in Bengal, says the supply of contraceptive pills and condoms was inadequate at healthcare centres. "We have started a door-to-door programme enabling us to prepare a database to ascertain what the present situation is and what it would be like in the near future," she said.

Didn't hire BJP-linked company in state elections, says Maharashtra CEO

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@Mumbai

AMID allegations that the Maharashtra Chief Electoral Officer had in the 2019 assembly polls hired a social media company allegedly linked to the BJP IT cell, the CEO has said the agency was not hired by the poll panel, but by the publicity department of the state government.

The Election Commission of India had last week sought a report from the CEO after Congress leader Prithviraj Chavan demanded an EC probe into the matter.

The CEO has said his office is not authorised to hire any such agency. "Social media agencies are empanelled and hired by the state government's Directorate General of Information and Public Relations Department. The firm allegedly linked to the EC was provided by the state government's DG-IPR," said the CEO's interim report, which has been submitted to the ECI.

RTI activist Saket Gokhale, who first raised the issue, said the report clearly showed that former CM Devendra Fadnavis had interfered in the election process. "The CM was surely aware that the firm had links to his own party's IT cell. Why was Fadnavis trying to interfere in polls by appointing this firm? How did the EC allow the state government/ruling party to appoint such a firm for EC work?" tweeted Gokhale.

AFTER U'KHAND

Himachal gives Sanskrit status of 2nd language

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THE Himachal Pradesh government has accorded the status of second language to Sanskrit since it is rich in vocabulary, literature, thoughts and ideas, meanings and values, Chief Minister Jai Ram Thakur said on Monday.

He was presiding over the first meeting of Himachal Pradesh Sanskrit Academy through video conferencing.

Thakur said Sanskrit, whatever be its antiquity, is more perfect than the Greek, more copious than the Latin, and more exquisitely refined than both of these.

He said Sanskrit was the oldest and the most continually used language in the world as it was still taught in some schools in India. Education minister Suresh Bhardwaj said Himachal Pradesh is second state after Uttarakhand to give Sanskrit a status of second language.

J&K: No need for NOC by troops to acquire land

FAYAZ WANI @Srinagar

AS J&K marks the first anniversary of the revocation of the Article 370 and bifurcation of the state into two union territories next month, the administration has withdrawn the requirement of obtaining a 'no objection certificate' (NOC) for land acquisition/requisition in favour of security agencies, including the army, BSF, CRPF and from the Home Department.

The order was order issued on July 24 by principal secretary to revenue department Pawan Kotwal.

It may come as a major relief to security agencies, which had to seek permission from the J&K government's home department before acquisition/requisition of the land. The amendments paves way for notifying certain areas as "strategic areas" in terms of the requirement of armed forces and such areas, the regulation of construction activity shall be through a special dispensation.

No fresh security order by govt for Ayodhya: CRPF

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THERE is no fresh order given by the government regarding the security of the Ram Mandir in Ayodhya, CRPF chief AP Maheshwari said on Monday when asked if special security arrangements were being made by CRPF in view of bhoomi pujan on August 5.

"There has no fresh order been issued on the security of the Ram Mandir. If the government gives such instructions or directions, the CRPF will perform its duty effectively," the DG said after attending the 82nd Raising Day of the CRPF when asked if the CRPF will guard the Ram Mandir.

As part of multi-layered security in Ayodhya, including in and around the site where Babri Masjid once stood, the CRPF was deployed in the town soon after the mosque was demolished in 1992.

Time capsule to be placed

A 'time capsule' carrying the history of Ram Temple and the prolonged struggle for it will be placed 2,000 feet beneath the ground at the site of the proposed temple on the premises during the 'bhoomi pujan' ceremony.

Uttarakhand Governor in Haridwar presents Ganga jal to VHP leaders for the construction of Ram Temple | PTI

While, laying the foundation stone of silver weighing 40 kg during the even, PM Narendra Modi will also launch development, tourism and infrastructure projects totalling ₹487 crore during his trip to temple town on August 5.

The time capsule will be placed to protect the temple history in its foundation so that there is no dispute related to Lord Ram's birthplace.

SPECIAL MENTION

Pearl farmer overjoyed after Modi's 'Mann Ki Baat'

RAJESH KUMAR THAKUR @Patna

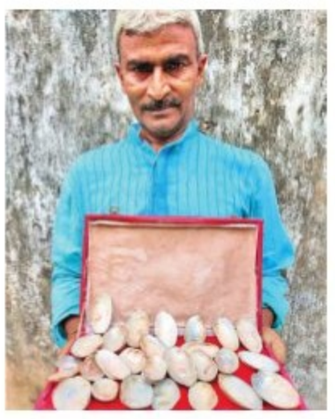
FOR Jaishankar Singh, 52, a pearl farmer in Bihar's Begusarai, it was a pleasant surprise when Prime Minister Narendra Modi mentioned his name and praised his innovation during his 'Mann Ki Baat' address on Sunday.

Singh's 11 years of hard work — the cultivation of pearls using oyster mussels in his 1.10-bigha pond — has finally paid off. Singh, Bihar's only pearl farmer, said these mussels are treated and produce up to dozens of buckets of pearls annually, earning him up to ₹500-1,000 per piece.

Recipients of many agricultural awards from the state government, Singh has a stock of more than 10,000 pieces of pearls. A post-graduate in organic chemistry from CM Science College in Darbhanga, Singh turns emotional while recalling how he was once being mocked by locals when he started the pearl cultivation.

"They would mock me saying 'padhe farsi beche tel' (highly educated but selling oil). The same people are now proud of my work," Singh told this newspaper.

Addressing the radio programme, Modi said in Bihar, youth have taken training from Jaipur and Bhubaneshwar to start pearl farming, and have started cultivation of pearls in Muzzafarpur, Begusarai and Patna, where they are employing and further training migrant workers.



Farmer Jaishankar Singh displays pearls he cultivated in a pond | EXPRESS

Born in a poor family, Singh said after his post-graduation, he tried a lot for a government job but didn't get any offer.

"But I did not lose hope. I had read about pearl production in a news article. Then, I dug a pond on a 1.10-bigha land in 2009 and started collecting mussels from nearby wetlands," he said.

Civic body mulls green tax on commercial vehicles

The Chandigarh Municipal Corporation is mulling to impose a green tax on commercial vehicles of other states entering the city. A panel constituted by the corporation to discuss revenue generation has proposed the idea besides other ways to enhance the income of the corporation, which has been hit by the Covid-19. To review the rates and policy on cable and optical fibre, the maintenance policy of public services, including open-air gyms and children's play equipment, will be reviewed to curtail any extra expenditure to allow ads on the corporation's vehicles and properties belonging to the MC will be given on rent.

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CHANDIGARH DIARY

Polls: Mohali civic body asked to submit details

The Punjab Local Bodies Department has asked the Mohali Municipal Corporation to submit details of all 50 wards with their population by July 30 as it prepares for the elections of the Municipal Corporation and municipal committees. According to the notification, as many as 43 seats are for the general category, including 23 for women and 20 for men, and 2.36 lakh voters are expected to cast their votes in the local body elections. The current term is set to end on April 26. At present, the Congress has 14 councillors, the SAD-BJP combine has 24 and the Azad Group has 10 councillors, while there are two independent councillors in the House. Balbir Singh Sidhu, Cabinet Minister, said, "We are ready for the elections."

No hostel facility in Chandigarh colleges

There will be no hostel facility for freshers in city colleges for the academic year 2020-21. The admission prospectus, however, mentions that hostels will not be allocated before September 30, 2020, and thereafter, the situation will be reviewed. An official of the education department said considering Covid-19, there were chances that this year there would be less numbers of applications for hostels as compared to last year which was between 35,000 and 40,000. Hostels of all the government and private colleges' would be opened only after the government's nod to it.

'Beggars could be corona spreaders, don't give money'

The adviser to the Chandigarh administrator has appealed to city residents not to give money to beggars, saying they could be "corona spreaders". Adviser Manoj Parida said beggars could not be jailed as begging is not a crime. "Appeal to Chandigarh residents not to give money to beggars who rush to you at traffic points. They could be corona spreaders.... We can't jail them since beggary is not a crime. When put in shelter homes they run away to make money from streets. So simply say NO," Parida tweeted. The Union Territory of Chandigarh has witnessed a surge in coronavirus infections.

€5 bn

a week Spain's tourism sector has lost on average since March, as per an industry estimate

GLOBAL WEATHER

LR: Light Rain • HR: Heavy Rain • TDS: Thundershower • LC: Light Cloud • SNY: Sunny

Beijing	31	21	TDS	Los Angeles	25	15	SNY
Colombo	30	25	TDS	Melbourne	13	6	LC
Doha	42	31	SNY	Moscow	27	16	LC
Dubai	40	31	SNY	New York	33	24	LC
Houston	31	23	TDS	Singapore	30	25	TDS
Istanbul	31	20	SNY	Toronto	28	19	SNY
London	20	11	LC	Washington DC	35	24	TDS

Spanish flags being used as social-distancing signage stick out from the sand in Palma de Mallorca, Spain | AP

KEEPING BORDERS CLOSED NOT A SUSTAINABLE STRATEGY: WHO

GENEVA

KEEPING borders closed to halt the spread of COVID-19 is unsustainable, the World Health Organization said Monday, urging countries to adopt comprehensive strategies based on local knowledge of where the virus is spreading.

Border closures and travel restrictions remain an important part of many countries' strategy to combat the novel coronavirus.

"Continuing to keep international borders sealed is not necessarily a sustainable strategy for the world's economy, for the world's poor, or for anybody else," Michael Ryan, WHO emergencies director, told journalists in a virtual briefing.

"It is going to be almost impossible for individual countries to keep their borders shut for the foreseeable future," he said, pointing out that "economies have to open up, people have to work, trade has to resume."

He acknowledged that when it comes to Covid-19, it is impossible to have a "global one size fits all policy" because outbreaks are developing differently in different countries.

New outbreaks emerge from China to Spain

Covid-19 surges back in hotspots in 4 continents, reviving movement restrictions; Trump's national security adviser tests +; infections snowball in Hong Kong

PARIS

RECORDED deaths from Covid-19 exceeded 6,50,000 on Monday as the disease surged back at hotspots in Asia, Europe and the Americas, prompting renewed restrictions, targeted lockdowns and compulsory mask-wearing orders.

Australia has been rocked by its deadliest surge since the start of the pandemic, Hong Kong is experiencing record daily numbers and Spain's caseload has tripled in the last fortnight.

The WHO said that experts would meet this week to discuss downgrading Covid-19's emergency status, six months after it was declared.

China reported its highest number of coronavirus cases in three months, part of a worrying swell of second and third-wave infections that are hitting Asia and Europe.

New infections have also snowballed in Hong Kong, which seemingly had a lid on local transmissions for weeks.

Now everyone in the densely populated territory must wear masks in public from this week, authorities said as they unveiled the city's toughest social distancing measures yet.

For its part, Belgium announced tougher measures against the virus after recording 1,952 new cases over the past week, a more than 70 percent increase over the previous week. From Wednesday, Belgians will be allowed to see a maximum of five people outside their families, reducing the permitted "social bubble" from 15.

Rules tightened

Britain's biggest tour operator TUI has cancelled British holidays to mainland Spain from Monday until August 9 after the UK government's decision to require travellers returning from the country to quarantine.

France ordered nighttime curfews for beaches in the Brittany resort of Quiberon on the Atlantic coast, after a fast-spreading Covid-19 cluster emerged there last week.

Tehran warned Iranians against holding wedding and funeral gatherings as the coronavirus outbreak showed no signs of abating in the Middle East's hardest hit country.

China recorded 61 cases on Monday, the highest daily figure since April, and authorities have declared "wartime mode" lockdown measures. Most of the 57 new domestic cases were in Xinjiang.

Australia on Sunday reported 10 Covid-19 fatalities. In the US, President Donald Trump's National Security Adviser Robert O'Brien has tested positive for the coronavirus — making him the highest-ranking official to test positive so far. The White House confirmed that O'Brien has mild symptoms. *Agencies*

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CHANGE OF NAME

I, **NISHVIKA VIDYA SAH,** age 37 years, W/o Mohit Sah, R/at No. 23063, Prestige Shantiniketan, White Field Road, Bengaluru-48 do hereby declare that I have changed my name from **RUCHI MITTAL / RUCHI SAH** to **NISHVIKA VIDYA SAH,** henceforth I shall be known and called as **NISHVIKA VIDYA SAH** only for all future purposes, vide affidavit dated 14th July 2020, sworn before Advocate and Notary **N. NARAYANA SWAMY** at Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, **PARVEEZ ALAM T.R,** R/at No.76, 6th main road, 1st Stage, 3rd block, HBR layout, Bengaluru -560043 have changed my Minor Child Name from **MOHAMMED SYEED** To **MOHAMMED SAYEED** vide affidavit dated:24/07/2020 Before Notary **Smt.Rajamani** Bangalore

CHANGE OF NAME

I, **MARY**, R/at No2, Kammanahalli main road R S Palya M S Nagar Post Bangalore-560033 have changed my Name to **RUBINA M** vide affidavit dated:29/06/2020 Before Notary: **Smt.Rajamani** Bangalore

CHANGE OF NAME

I, Mahmad Ateeq, S/o. Mahamadsiddik, aged about 31 years, R/at No.89, Hanman Mandir, Kautha (B), Bidar, Karnataka, presently working at BEL, Bengaluru, Both the names **MAHMADATIKHA & MAHMAD ATEEQ** belongs me only. In future I would like to continue in the name of **MAHMAD ATEEQ** only. Vide affidavit dated 27.07.2020. Sworn before Advocate & Notary Varija. C.J, Bengaluru.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, SHABAZ NAWAZ SAKERDE, S/o. Khaja Moinuddin Sakarde, residing at No. 20, 2nd Floor, 4th Main Road, 2nd Cross, Matadahalli, R.T.Nagar Post, Bangalore-560032, have changed my OLD NAME **SHABAZ NAWAZ SAKERDE** to NEW NAME **SHABAZ NAWAZ SAKARDE** vide affidavit Dated 24/07/2020 before the Notary Sivakumara.M.N. Bangalore City.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, (OLD NAME) BELGUR MARULAPPA RUDHRAMBIKE, W/o.Sachidananda Nanjappa, residing at No. 18/1, 12th Cross, 3rd Main Road, Lakkasandra Extension, Wilson Garden, Bangalore-560030, have changed my name to **(NEW NAME) BELGUR MARULAPPA RUDRAMBIKA** vide affidavit Dated 27/07/2020 sworn before Notary Hemalatha.P., Bangalore.

PUBLIC NOTICE

This is to inform to the general public that my client **M/s.Ramaiah Reddy and Sons, a registered Partnership Firm,** Ramaiah Reddy Colony, Basavanagar, Marathalli Post, Bangalore-560 037 is the absolute owner and in possession of the schedule property. Neither my client nor any of its partners have not entered into any sale agreement or understanding with any person in respect of the schedule property. The general public are hereby cautioned not deal with the schedule property with any person other than my client and any dealing with the schedule property other than my client will be at his/her/their own risk and peril.

SCHEDULE

All the piece and parcel of property bearing Old No.21, New No.21/1, situated at 14 KM old Madras Road, Battarahalli, Bidarahalli Hobli, Hoskote Taluk, Bangalore District east to west 562 ½ feet x 558 feet/2 North to sought 202 +198.8 / 2 (excluding 630 sq mtrs acquired by NHAI) bounded on the

East by: property of Sethi **West by :** Mohan Aluminium Factory
North by: Old Madras Road **South by :** Land of Pillappa
Date: 27.07.2020

Sd/-
T.P.Vivekananda, Advocate, No.19, I Floor, II Main, 5th Block, Kumara Park West, Bangalore 560 020. **9844254843 / tpvllb@gmail.com**

NOTICE FOR LOST DOCUMENTS

It is notified for the information that my Original Qualifying of Main Secondary ,Senior Secondary Examination,B.Tech Degree and M.Tech Degree issued by the respective Board/Institution has been actually lost.Name of the candidate SHRI AKASH SOREN S/O SHRI PURNA CHANDRA SOREN,Address at Flat No.302,3rd Floor,LIVIANO Apartment,Maske Layout,Narendra Nagar,Nagpur-440015,Maharashtra.Contact No.08521172671 /09019580989 / 951262985.The details of documents lost are as under:

1. CBSE 10th Board Original Documents:
I. Original Certificate Central Board of Secondary Education-M/09/06712/226570 and S.No.SSE/2009/0241369 dated 26.05.2009 (All India Secondary School Examination, 2009), Roll No.4182400.
ii.Original Marks Statement- Central Board of Secondary Education, All India Secondary School Examination, 2009 and S.No.SSE/2009/0344163 and Roll No.4182400 dated 26.05.2009.
2. CBSE 12th Board Original Documents:
i. Original Certificate Central Board of Secondary Education and S.No.SSCE/2011/235222 dated 23.05.2011(All India Senior School Certificate Examination, 2011), Roll No.4649347.
ii.Original Marks Statement- Central Board of Secondary Education, All India Senior School Certificate Examination, 2011 (06712/00053) and S.No.SSCE/2011/312913 and Roll No. 4649347 dated 23.05.2011.
3. Bechelor of Technology (B.Tech) (Mechanical Engineering):
i.Original B.Tech (Mechanical Engineering) Certificate, Registration No.1141018254 dated 11.02.2016.
ii. Original Consolidated Grade Sheet, Sl.No.073699 First Semester to Eight Semester dated 18.05.2015 and semester wise original marks sheet from First Semester to Eighth Semester.
4. Master of technology (M.Tech) (Mechanical Engineering):
I. Original M.Tech Certificate Serial No.MT/2018/334,Admission No.16MT001170
ii.Original Consolidated Grade Card, S.No.IITDHN 2017/3013, Admission No.16MT001170 dated 09.06.2018.
5. Original Caste Certificate, Case No.853/09 dated 07.07.2011
"If any Kind hearted people has got may inform the above named person and contact number".

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Central College Campus, Dr. B.R. Ambedkar Veedhi, Bengaluru-560001. Ph. No: **080-22961016 /22131385**
e-mail: **registrarbcu@gmail.com**

No.: BCU/TND/OS/05/2020-21/100 Date: 27-07-2020

REVISED SHORT TERM TENDER
SHORT TERM TENDER NOTIFICATION through e-Procurement

Request for Proposal for Outsourcing of Manpower Services for Housekeeping and Gardners to Bengaluru Central University (3rd Call)

Bengaluru Central University invites Short term tender from registered and eligible bidder to submit their proposals with necessary documents for Proposal for **Outsourcing of Manpower Services for Housekeeping and Gardners to Bengaluru Central University.**

As per the tender notification dated: 14-07-2020 has not published due to technical problems. Hence revised tender schedule is as follows:

The detailed notification regarding eligibility and other details can be obtained by logging on to **www.eproc.karnataka.gov.in** The tender document can be downloaded through "e-procurement portal" details is as follows: Opening of tender document: **28.07.2020**. Pre bid meeting: **Tuesday, 04-08-2020 @ 11.30 AM**. **Venue:** Office of the Registrar, Central College Campus, Dr. B.R. Ambedkar Veedhi, Bengaluru-560001. Last date of Receipt: **12.08.2020 upto 3.00 PM.** Opening of Technical bid: **13.08.2020 at 4.00 PM.**

Further details can be obtained from the above office during the office hours from **10.30 AM to 5.00 PM.** Contact No.: (080-22961016 /22131385).

DIPR/DDU/650/2020-21 **Sd/- Registrar**

TUMKUR CO-OPERATIVE MILK PRODUCERS SOCITIES UNION LTD.,
N.H. – 206, B.H. ROAD, MALLASANDRA, TUMKUR – 572 107.
Phone: 0816-2206297/142/490/464, Email: tmupur1234@gmail.com , Fax: 0816-2206760

INVITATION FOR SHORT TERM TENDERS
(Tender Notification only through E-procurement)

Tumkur Co-operative Milk Producers Societies Union Ltd., Tumkur invites E-Procurement tenders two cover system (Technical & Financial bid) from eligible tenderers for the supply of the material listed below:

Sl. No.	E-Procurement Tender No. & Date	Materials Details	E.M.D Amount Rs.
1	KMF/TCMU/ PANDI/AINS/ 2020-21 **Dt: 21-07-2020**	For Insuring Cross Breed Pregnant Heifers / Cows / Local Cows / Buffaloes (without Permanent total disability coverage) owned by Members of Milk Producers Co-Operative Societies affiliated to Tumkur Milk Union Limited for a period of one year – 1,25,000 Animals.	**1,000-00**

1. Tender Schedule Downloading Date: **From 23-07-2020 to 24-08-2020 / 2.00 P.M.**
2. Last Date for Submission Of Tender: **24-08-2020 / 2.00 P.M.**
3. Time & Date of Opening of Technical Tender Bid (Cover-1): **25-08-2020 / 2.30 P.M.**
4. Web Site Address For E-tender: **www.eproc.karnataka.gov.in**

Sd/-
For Tumkur Co-operative Milk Union Ltd.,
MANAGING DIRECTOR

PUBLIC NOTICE

The Public are hereby informed that my client **Sri Ashwin Shivapuram Lakshmanaswamy,** S/o. Lakshmanaswamy .G.V., Aged about 28 years, Residing at No. F- 201, Yediyur Habitate 2nd floor, 4th Shop Lane, Tata Silk Farm, Basavanagudi Bangalore 560004. Represented by his GPA holder Father Sri Lakshmanaswamy. G.V, intending to purchase the schedule property from its owner Smt. S. Sumithra W/o. Sri R.Sundarrajan, Residing at No. 6, Sannadhi Road. Bangalore-560004.

Any person/s company Financial Institution, Firm etc, having any claim or objection for the proposed purchase or having any right, title or interest in the Schedule Property may contact or should lodge such claim and objection in writing with supporting documents within **FIFTEEN DAYS** from the date of publication failing which it will be presumed that there are no valid claims charges and encumbrance whatsoever over the Schedule Property and my clients would proceed to complete the sale transaction, any claim received Lodged thereafter will not be considered.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

All that piece and parcel of immovable Property bearing No.261, situated at Block-V, 3rd Phase, BSK 3rd Stage, Bangalore, Presently comes under the limits of Bruhat Bangalore Mahanagara palike, and bearing New Municipal No.261, **situated at 1st Main Road, 5th Block, 3rd Phase, BSK 3rd Stage, Bangalore,** New BBMP PID No.55-446-261, measuring **East to West** : 12 meters and **North to South** : 18+ 17.8/2 meters, in all measuring **214.8 meters,** and bounded as follows:-

East by : Site No. 260,
West by : Site No. 262,
North by : Site No. 272,
South by : 30 feet wide Road.

Gajendra, Advocate
Srinivasa Mandiram, 1st Floor,
Balepet Main Road,
Bangalore-53. Ph : 9845562465
Bangalore Date : 27-07-2020

PUBLIC NOTICE

TO WHOMSOEVER CONCERNED

This is to bring to the notice of the general public and to whomsoever concerned that my clients 1).Sri.T.R.Shekar S/o Late T. Ramachandra & Late C.Padma, R/at:No.309, 7th A Main, 1st Block, HRBR Layout, Kalyana Nagar, Bangalore-43. 2).Smt.T.R.Rekha D/o Late T.Ramachandra & Late C.Padma, R/at:No.108, Coles Road, Frazer Town, Bangalore-05 3).Smt.T.R.Nandini D/o Late T.Ramachandra & Late C.Padma, R/at Channappa Compound, Kadugondanahalli, Arabic College Post, Bangalore-25 and 4).Smt.Meera Subaiah W/o Late T.R.Harish, R/at: Flat No.006, Metropolitan Apartments, Haines Road, Frazer Town, Bangalore-05 are the absolute owners of the below mentioned Schedule Property. My clients had filed a suit before the Court of Small Causes, Bangalore vide SC.No.15307/2017 against their tenants Fazlur Rehaman @ Ameer Jan, Azeez-Ur-Rehman @ Ahmed Jan and others for the relief directing the tenants to quit & deliver the vacant possession of the below mentioned schedule property to my clients. The said tenants are running a car garage business under the name & style M/s Classic Automobiles in the below mentioned schedule property. The Court of Small Causes, Bangalore through its Judgement dated: 14/03/2019 decreed/allowed the suit directing the tenants to vacate the below mentioned schedule property to my clients. Thereafter the tenants i.e. Azeez-Ur-Rehman @ Ahmed Jan & Rahamath Abdul Latheef aggrieved by the said judgment preferred Civil Revision Petition vide CRP No.173/2019 & 204/2019 before the Hon'ble High Court of Karnataka. The Hon'ble High Court of Karnataka through its Final Order dated: 21/01/2020 dismissed both the CRP filed by the tenants & confirmed the judgement passed by the Court of Small Causes in SC.No.15307/2017 and further the Hon'ble High Court granted 6 Months time for the tenants to vacate the below mentioned Schedule Property & the said time has already been expired on 22/07/2020. Now my clients have learnt that the tenants along with some outsiders might enter into agreement/lease with the third parties with respect to the below mentioned schedule property. Hence, the publics are hereby informed not to enter into any transaction of lease, agreement, purchase, mortgage etc., in respect of below mentioned schedule property with tenants & third parties. In spite of this public notice any transaction is entered into, they will be doing so at their own risk and it would not bind my clients. If any one does so they will be doing so at their own risk.

SCHEDULE PREMISES

All that part and parcel of the premises bearing No.33/2 now changed as 33/4 situated at Ulsoor Road, Bangalore measuring North to South on the Eastern side 120 ft and on the Western side 127 ft, East to West on the Northern side 50 ft and on the southern side 67½ ft and bounded on:

East by : Private Property
West by : Passage
North by : Ulsoor Main road
South by : Private Property

SUNEEL S NARAYAN, Advocate
B-1, Ground Floor, "Shree Balaji Enclane", No.5, 13th 'A' Cross, 2nd Block, Jayanagar, Bangalore-560011.

UCO BANK
(A Govt of India undertaking)
BRANCH OFFICE : **Bannerghatta Road Branch,**
44, 4th Cross, 4th Main, BTM 2nd Stage,
N S Palya, Bangalore– 560 076. Phone 080-26683262.

POSSESSION NOTICE (For Immovable property) Rule 8(1)

Whereas, The undersigned being the Authorised Officer of the UCO Bank, under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 (54 of 2002) and in exercise of powers conferred under section 13(12) read with rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 issued the Demand Notice dated **14.2.2020** calling upon the Borrower, **1. Mr. N Krishna, S/o Narayanaswamy S K, 2. Mrs. Bhargavi, W/o N Krishna**, to repay the amount in the Notice being **Rs.44,74,326/- (Rupees Forty Four Lakhs Seventy Four Thousand Three Hundred And Twenty Six Only)** as on **31.12.2019** with intt. charged upto **31.12.2019** plus accrued interest, incidental expenses, cost & charges etc. within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said notice.

The Borrower having failed to repay the amount, Notice is hereby given to the Borrower and the public in general that the undersigned has taken Possession of the property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him under section 13(4) of the said Act read with rule 8 on **24.7.2020.**

The Borrower and guarantor in particular and the public in general is hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealing with the property will be subject to the charge of the UCO BANK for amount of being **Rs.44,74,326/- (Rupees Forty Four Lakhs Seventy Four Thousand Three Hundred And Twenty Six Only)** as on **31.12.2019** with intt. charged upto **31.12.2019** plus accrued interest, incidental expenses, cost & charges etc.

The borrower's attention is invited to provisions of sub-section (8) of section 13 of the Act, in respect of time available, to redeem the secured assets.

DESCRIPTION OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTY

TITLE DEED NO- 18948/4-5, Dt:-5.8.2004. All that piece and parcel in respect of Residential Sites bearing No 806(Old) now bearing BBMP Khatha No 441/1441/806, Old CMC Khatha No 440/806 carved out of Sy No 19 of Channasandra Village, Uttrahalli Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk, situated in a layout known as Dwarakanagar , formed by the Karmikara Raithara Vasathi Nirmana Shakara Sangha Ltd, measuring East to west 40ft & North to South 23-0+30-0/2 ft ,in all measuring 1060 Sqft and bounded on the : **East by :** Site No 810, **West by**: Road, **North by :** Site No 806A and **South by**: Site No 805. **IN THE NAME OF : Sri N Krishna.**

Date : 24.7.2020
Place : Bangalore

Authorised Officer
UCO BANK

BRUHAT BENGALURU MAHANAGARA PALIKE
Office of the Executive Engineer
C.V. Ramannagara Division, 1st Cross Road, 2nd H Main Road, Kasturinagara, Bengaluru

No.: EE/CVR/E-eproc/05/2020-21 Date: 27-07-2020

INVITATION FOR TENDERS (IFT)

(Through GoK e-Procurement Portal only) (Two Document Tender)

The Executive Engineer (C.V. Ramannagara Division), BBMP, Bengaluru on behalf of the Commissioner, BBMP invites tenders from eligible contractors for the below mentioned works.

Sl. No.	Name of Work	Approximate Value of Work (Rs. in lakhs)	EMD (in Rs.)
1	Asphalting to roads and Improvements of drains at 1st A Corss 1st B Corss 3rd C Cross roads Kasturinagara in Ward No.50	58.00	1,16,000/-
2	Asphalting to roads and Improvements of drains at 2nd A Corss 2nd B Corss 2nd C Cross roads and Kasturinagara in Ward No.50	52.00	1,04,000/-
3	Improvements of drains and asphalting to Byrasandra main road in Ward No.58	60.00	1,20,000/-
4	Improvements of drains and Asphalting to GM Palya main road in Ward No.58.	60.00	1,20,000/-
5	Repairs and maintenance of roads with cement concrete in Coxtown and surrounding area in Ward No.79.	51.00	1,02,000/-
6	Repairs and maintenance of roads with cement concrete in New Byappanhalli and Surroundings areas in Ward No.79	51.00	1,02,000/-
7	Providing asphalting to 3rd 4th and 6th main road Indiranagar 2nd Stage in Ward No.80	65.00	1,30,000/-
8	Providing Asphalting to 13th cross to 17th main 17th A and B cross Indiranagar 2nd Stage in Ward No.80.	55.00	1,10,000/-
9	Asphalting to 1st cross from 16th main to 18th main D Main and surrounding area in Ward No.88.	60.00	1,20,000/-
10	Asphalting to 3rd Cross HAL 3rd Stage 15th main and 16th main HAL 2nd Stage in Ward No.88	60.00	1,20,000/-
11	Improvements to drain and providing CC Roads at 17th Main 17th A Main 17th B main HAL 2nd Stage and surrounding Areas in Ward No.88	52.00	1,04,000/-
12	Improvements to Drains and footpath at 15th Main HAL 2nd stage and Surrounding area in Ward No.88	52.00	1,04,000/-
13	Improvements to Drains and footpath at 16th Main HAL 2nd stage and Surrounding area in Ward No.88.	52.00	1,04,000/-
14	Improvements to drain and providing CC Roads HAL 3rd Stage Kodihalli and surrounding Areas in Ward No.88.	52.00	1,04,000/-
15	Improvements to drain and providing CC Roads at Jeevanbhimanagara and surrounding Areas in Ward No.88	52.00	1,04,000/-

Calendar of Events : **(1)** Tender documents may be downloaded from e-Procurement portal **https://eproc.karnataka.gov.in** from **03.08.2020.** **(2)** Date of Pre-bid meeting: **10.08.2020 at 3.00 PM at above office.** **(3)** Last date for receipt of Tenders: **17.08.2020 upto 4.00 PM.** **(4)** Date of opening of Technical Bids: **19.08.2020 at 11.30 AM or next working day at above office.** Further details may be obtained from the above office during office hours on working days or from website **https://eproc.karnataka.gov.in**

Sd/- Executive Engineer, C.V. Ramannagara Division

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Office of the City Municipal Council, Chikkaballapura

No.: CMCC:EE :Tender:CR -01/2020-21 Date: 23.07.2020

TENDER NOTICE

Municipal Commissioner, City Municipal Council, Chikkaballapura invites Tender, as per Karnataka Transparency in Public Procurement Act 2000, from eligible contractors/companies for implementation of total 03 works of providing Drivers to Sanitation Division of City Municipal Council, Chikkaballapura and providing Drivers &Assistants to Vehicles related to Drains and Supply of Breakfast to all workers of Sanitation Division of City Municipal Council, Chikkaballapura. Those interested can submit Tender through **www.eproc.karnataka.gov.in** Further details can be obtained from this office during office hours or from the website of this office **www.chikkaballapurcity.mrc.gov.in**

(1) Last date for submission of filled tenders through e-procurement **24.08.2020 up to 4.30 PM.** (2) Date of opening the tender received **26.08.2020 at 11.00 AM**

Sd/-
Administrative Officer
City Municipal Council, Chikkaballapura

Sd/-
Municipal Commissioner
City Municipal Council, Chikkaballapura

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CORRIGENDUM

With reference to the advertisement published in this news paper on 22.07.2020 Sl No 3, 6 and 7 should be read as

Sl. No.	Name of the Branch and Account	Details of the immovable properties Mortgaged/ owners name(mortgagor of properties)	Demand Notice Date	Outstanding Amount in (Rs.)	Reserve Price EMD Bid Increase Amt	EMD Submission Account Details
3	**Rajaji Nagar Branch, M/s Mataji Traders A/c 15614015001544 15616785001532**	Western Half portion of a combined property with municipal No-11(old No-35), PID No-13-10-11 , Old ward No-13 New PID NO- 068-W0034-27, (old khatha No-465/35) situated At 8th Cross, 1st Main, Saraswathipuram, nandini Layout, Bangalore-560096. Admg 600 Sqft. Total builtup area 1404 sqft.	04/07/2017	55,21,382/-	**Reserve Price** Rs 61,65,000.00 **EMD** 616500.00 **Bid increase Amt** Rs 10000.00	**Account No** 12771181000022 **IFSC** ORBC0101277 **Branch** Frazer Town
6	**B/O- Bunts Hostel Road, Mangalore A/c Number: 10799011000143**	1) Immovable property 20 Cents of Land and building at Sy No. R.S. 29/5D, Door No. B-4-19 and all other contents, easementary rights of way and water etc at Kadri 'B' Village of Mangalore Taluk , Boundaries: North by: Road, South by: Sy line, East by: Portion of same Sl Number and West by: Sy line, standing in the name of shri K Dinker.	06/04/2016	1,32,52,646.59 as on 30.04.2016 plus Interest & other charges if any, less recovery till realization.	**Reserve Price** Rs.1,04,40,000.00 **EMD** Rs.10,44,000.00 **Bid Increase amt** Rs 50,000.00	**Oriental Bank of Commerce** 10791181000039 **IFSC CODE :-** ORBC0101079 **Branch-** Bunts Hostel Road, Mangalore
7	**M/s Mangala Gas Distributors**	2) Immovable property 20 cents of land and building at Sy No.R.S. 29-5D ,Door No. 4-19 and all other contents, easementary rights of way and water etc at Kadri 'B' Village of Mangalore Taluk, Boundaries: North by: Road, South by: Sy line, East by: Sy line and West by: portion of same Sy No.,standing in the name of Shri K Dinker.			**Reserve Price** Rs.1,04,40,000.00 **EMD** Rs.10,44,000.00 **Bid Increase amt** Rs 50,000.00	

Date: 27.07.2020
Place: BENGALURU

SD/- **AUTHORISED OFFICER**
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Market Watch

MARKET				GOLD				SILVER				FOREX	
194.17 ↓	Sensex	37,934.73		₹74 ↑	24 carat (1 gm)	₹5,165		₹3,490 ↑	Per kg	₹64,700		↑ Dollar	74.84
62.35 ↓	Nifty	11,131.80		₹74 ↑	22 carat (1 gm)	₹5,065		₹3.49 ↑	Per gm	₹64.7		↑ Euro	87.62

RBI chief bats for infra push to reignite economy

Projects like expressways, rail corridors can be looked at to begin with

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU @ New Delhi

The Reserve Bank of India Governor Shaktikanta Das has asked both public and private sector to step up investments in the infrastructure sector to restart the economy reeling under the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic.

In his address to the captains of India Inc at Confederation of Indian Industries (CII), Das said that the big push to mega infrastructure projects like expressways and high speed rail corridors can reignite the economy. "This could begin in the form of a north-south and east-west expressway together with high-speed rail corridors, both of which would generate large forward and backward linkages for several other sectors of the economy and regions around the rail/road networks," he added.

However, he pointed out that the infrastructure gap still remains large and there is a need for diversifying financing options. "On financing options for infrastructure, we are recovering from the consequences of excessive exposure of banks to infrastructure projects. Non-performing assets (NPAs) relating to infrastructur lending by banks has remained at elevated levels," Das said.

The RBI governor also highlighted five dynamic shifts which have the potential to shape the future of the country's economy including renewed focus on farm sector, changing energy mix in favour of renewable, leveraging information and communication technology (ICT) and start-ups, strengthening supply and value chains, apart from infrastructure.

"They may escape our attention in this all-consuming engrossment with the pandemic, but they could be nursing the potential to repair, to rebuild and renew our tryst with developmental aspirations," he added. Admitting that the pandemic has hurt start-ups in terms of funds, he said, the country woulf need more start-ups for growth and job creation.

On financing options, we are recovering from the consequences of excessive exposure of banks to infrastructure projects. NPAs relating to infra lending at banks has remained at elevated levels
Shaktikanta Das

Allow one-time restructuring, say pvt bankers

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Private lenders like Uday Kotak and HDFC Ltd Chairman Deepak Parekh said they were in favour of one time loan restructuring, and don't want extension of loan moratorium as it would further hurt the financial sector, especially non-banking finance companies.

"Please do not extend the moratorium because even those who can pay are not paying, we see that whether it is individuals or corporates, all taking advantage and deferring payments. So there is some talk that there will be another extension of three months. It's going to hurt us, hurt the smaller NBFC particularly," Parekh said, during an industry interaction with RBI Governor Shaktikanta Das. He also warned if restructuring is not allowed after the moratorium, then the ratings of financial institutions will come down and may have major implications on the financial sector. He said allowing one-time recast like in 2008 is worth considering.

Das said he noted all the concerns raised and have also assured that the central bank will be ready to step in and take action as and when needed.

PSU banks require more capital: Fitch

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU @ New Delhi

STATE-run banks' plans to raise fresh equity capital to meet the risk challenges of the economic recession arising from Covid-19 may be inadequate. They may need more capital support from the government to absorb stress, said Fitch Ratings.

Separately, N K Singh, chairman of 15th Finance Commission raised the issue of a recapitalisation plan for public banks, if the government were to continue running them. "Over the next five years, huge public outlay will be needed to keep PSBs properly and adequately recapitalised considering the erosion in NPA," he said.

Amid speculation that the government may consider selling stake in PSU banks, besides consolidating them, Fitch warned that reducing government holding may dent depositor confidence in the banks. This in turn could lead to reducing their long term ratings. Last month, Fitch had revised its outlook from stable to negative for long term insurer default ratings for nine Indian banks including SBI, Bank of Baroda, Canara bank and Punjab National bank. These banks have earlier this month announced plans to raise tier 1 capital.

Their plans could raise a total of around $6 billion in fresh equity. With markets still in a state of flux and stock valuations depressed, it is believed that the banks may have a tough time raising the money.

The capital raising could increase these PSU banks capital adequacy ratios by 1-1.5 percentages. According to Fitch, "Under our high stress scenario, this may provide some interim capital relief, testing the banks' ability to raise fresh equity on their own." However, this may not be enough to stave off the heightened solvency risks. "It would also increase the prospect of further regulatory forbearance," the agency said.

The ratings agency added that news reports on government's plans to to reduce the number of state banks to five from 12 while selling majority stakes in several others, including Bank of India could add to uncertainties.

TODAY'S STOCK PICK

Current Price ₹1,479.3

Target Price ₹1,728

AJANTA PHARMA

AJP ended FY20 on a healthy note with 15% earnings growth, led by sales revival in Asia/Africa and new introductions in the US market. We expect 18% earnings CAGR over FY20-22E. The Covid-led disruption could be a dampener for earnings growth in FY21. With new launches, increased market share in products and better MR productivity, we expect AJP to sustain its growth with 12% sales CAGR over FY20-22E.

—Motilal Oswal Financial Services

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Covid-19: Bad loans may soar to ₹16 L cr in FY21

SUNITHA NATTI

₹4.8 lakh crore — That's the sum of loans, which are likely to turn bad due to the Covid-induced economic slowdown. But this is only a first estimate with revisions expected during the course of the fiscal year.

The fresh lot of bad loans comes just when banks have completed the NPA clean-up exercise but are now staring at another incoming heap, which could dent their capital levels and profitability.

As per the RBI's Financial Stability Report released last Friday, FY21 gross NPAs may increase to 12.5 per cent in a baseline scenario from 8.5 per cent in FY20.

Assuming a credit growth of 6 per cent this fiscal much like the previous year, total advances may reach approximately ₹110 lakh crore, which means in absolute numbers gross bad loans will likely be around ₹13.5 lakh crore, up from ₹8.8 lakh crore in FY20 translating to ₹4.8 lakh crore fresh slippages.

But if the macroeconomic environment worsens, and under the very stressed scenario, bad loans could be as high as 14.7 per cent to over ₹16 lakh crore. Thus slippages in FY21 will be about ₹7 lakh crore.

"If loan moratorium isn't extended beyond August and loan restructuring doesn't happen, then loan accounts in SMA-2 (those over 60 days past due) will be at the risk of becoming NPAs during the September quarter," said Anil Gupta, Sector Head — Financial Sector Ratings, ICRA Ratings.

Gupta added that if the RBI was projecting a 4 per cent increase in gross NPAs, one can presume that the loan moratorium is unlikely to be prolonged beyond August as further extension will imply a delay in bad loans classification by another quarter or two.

Given that the impact of moratorium is uncertain and evolving, how it plays out on the quality of banking assets is difficult to ascertain accurately. As per estimates, incremental bank credit in FY21 will be around ₹6-7 lakh crore translating to 5.8-6.8 per cent increase over FY20.

In March, RBI allowed loan moratorium for three months and later extended it till August. In April, the central bank also extended the 90-day NPA norm to 180 days for accounts under moratorium.

However, the central bank has tightened provisioning rules.

SAMSUNG

Galaxy M01 Core now in India

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU @ New Delhi

KOREAN handset maker Samsung on Monday launched the latest addition to its Samsung 'M' series of smartphones, the Samsung M01 Core, paired with customized Android Go and priced it at a starting price ₹5,499. After Galaxy M01 and Galaxy M01s, this is its third phone under Galaxy M series this year, in under ₹10,000 segment. It is also the cheapest from Samsung in India.

"This launch reiterates Samsung's commitment to make technology accessible, affordable and available to consumers across Bharat. Galaxy M01 Core has been designed to deliver value for money with a best–in–class performance and stylish proposition targeting users seeking best performance and price," Aditya Babbar, director, mobile business, Samsung India, said.

Analysts say that many players in the past have attempted entering the segment but couldn't really make an impact. "There is immense opportunity in terms of users ready for upgrade, but can't find a pocket-friendly smartphone. This launch will help heavyweight Samsung lift up market share effectively in the smartphone space," said Faisal Kawoosa, chief analyst and founder, techARC.

Ficci calls for opening all sectors under Unlock 3.0

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU @ New Delhi

THE Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce & Industry (FICCI) has recommended opening up of all business establishments with precaution as Unlock 3 remains a crucial decision for turnaround of the economy.

In a set of recommendations to the Centre, FICCI has pushed up for opening up hotels, bars and restaurants at 50 per cent capacity. The industry body has also suggested allowing international flights on a reciprocal basis and said that the metro rail should be initially allowed to operate at 50 per cent capacity. Besides, it has proposed opening up of cinema halls, schools, sports establishments and tourism destinations while maintaining social distancing norms.

"As lockdown orders continue to be enforced in many parts of the country, businesses and livelihoods are under tremendous pressure due to the collapsed demand, layoffs, and wage reductions. As India prepares for Unlock 3.0, we need to look at lifting of existing restrictions keeping in mind "Threat of COVID is not over yet and we need to remain vigilant," FICCI said.

With regards to tourism and hospitality, the industry body said that clear cut dates should be announced by the states and union territories to open tourism, monuments, tourist attractions, hotels, restaurants and bars. State borders can be opened to tourists.

The Federation of Associations in Indian Tourism & Hospitality has revises upwards the loss guidance for tourism industry to ₹15 lakh crore. It said that the direct and indirect economic impact of the tourism sector is estimated at 10 per cent of India's GDP. This roughly puts the full year economic multiplier value of tourism at ₹20 lakh crore.

Job losses in tourism sector to touch 4 crore

Tourism body FAITH said that the cumulative job losses in sector could touch 4 crore. In the last five months, FAITH has raised requests over to the Prime Minister and to each of the 28 chief ministers in this regard.

Tata Tech furloughs close to 400 employees citing lack of projects

BISMAH MALIK @ Bengaluru

TATA Technologies, which is a subsidiary of Tata motors, has put nearly 400 employees on furloughs or leave without pay till December, 31, 2020 citing non-availability of projects, a complaint filed by the National IT employees Senate (NITES) with State Labour Department, Maharashtra last week said.

NITES, General Secretary, Harpreet Saluja told this publication that the decision essentially violates the guidelines issued by the Maharashtra government on March 31, directing companies to not layoff / deduct salaries during the ongoing COVID pandemic. "The labour commissioner office has called us and the aggrieved employees for hearing on July 28," Saluja added.

An internal email sent by the HR team of the Tata Tech to the employees accessed by the TNIE states that "in the event there are no such projects/ assignments as far as your engagement or involvement is concerned as on December 31, 2020. The company shall reserve the right to terminate your employment with immediate effect in accordance with your employment agreement and order." "You are required to acknowledge that you understand and agree with the contents of the email before 6pm On July 22 of its receipt." Failure to respond within the stipulated time will be understood as not agreed," according to the internal e-mail.

NITES spokesperson added that the employees were told they will be on the payrolls of the company but will not be paid during that period.

A Tata Tech spokesperson has reportedly said that the exercise has been carried out for optimization of bench resources and that an overwhelming majority of the employees have opted to go on paid/ unpaid leaves as it allows them to be on payroll and avail mediclaim under the current circumstances.

Last week, Tata Group, chairman Ratan Tata had said that retrenchment of employees in the ongoing COVID pandemic is not a solution and that "companies will have to change the way of doing business in the post coronavirus world".

EXPRESS READ

Kotak Mahindra Bank Q1 net slips to ₹1,853 cr

New Delhi: Kotak Mahindra Bank reported a 4 per cent decline in consolidated net profit at ₹1,853 crore for the June quarter, mainly due to reduced advances amid covid-19 and marginal rise in bad loans. In the year-ago period, the bank had a consolidated net profit of ₹1,932 crore. The bank said it has turned cautious on lending.

Marico Q1 net profit rises 23.17% to ₹388 cr

New Delhi: FMCG firm Marico reported a 23.17 per cent rise in its consolidated net profit to ₹388 crore for the first quarter ended June 30, helped by increase in operating margins. The company had posted a net profit of ₹315 crore in April-June quarter a year ago, Marico said in a BSE filing. Domestic sales were down 14.5 per cent, it said.

Adani, TN govt sign pact for hyperscale data centre

New Delhi: Adani Enterprises Ltd on Monday said it has entered into a non-binding pact with the Tamil Nadu government for exploring possibilities to set up a hyperscale data centre in the state. "The company has signed a non-binding MoU with the Government of Tamil Nadu for exploring possibilities of setting up a hyperscale data centre facility in the state of Tamil Nadu," Adani Enterprises said in a filing.

After laying off 10% workforce, IndiGo to deepen pay cuts for seniors, pilots

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU @ New Delhi

INDIA's largest airline IndiGo said on Monday that it will be implementing yet another round of pay cut, with CEO Ronojoy Dutta taking a 35 per cent trim in his salary. The fresh pay cut comes a week after the carrier had decided to reduce its headcount by 10 per cent, affecting over 2,300.

Senior vice-presidents will now see their salary reduce by 30 percent, while for the pilots the cut is 28 per cent. Each department has also been asked to take a monthly decision on the number of employees to be sent on leave without pay. In June, the airline had expanded its leave without pay (LWP) policy, taking the total number of days to 10. In a mail to employees, Dutta said that the cuts are necessary to adjust the airline's cost structure to the decline in revenues. Other airlines such as Vistara, AirAsia and SpiceJet have also announced a slew of similar measures to bring down costs amid the Covid-19 crisis. The harshest LWP policy has perhaps been implemented at national carrier Air India which can be extended by up to five years.

After a dismal Q4FY20, two of India's listed airlines are expected to report record losses during the June quarter. Analysts at Centrum Broking expect InterGlobe Aviation, which runs IndiGo, to report a net loss of ₹2,670 crore, while SpiceJet may incur a net loss of ₹1,010 crore. The two airlines had jointly posted a profit of ₹1,460 crore in Q1FY20. Ratings firm Crisil noted that airlines are staring at a massive ₹1.1-1.3 lakh crore revenue forgone over FY20-22.

Repco Home Finance net profit grew 19% in FY20

Repco Home Finance has reported a rise in net profit at ₹280 crore, up 19 per cent, for the full year ended March 31, 2020, as against ₹235 crore in FY19. For the fourth quarter, however, net profit fell at ₹48 crore when compared to ₹52 crore in the year-ago period. Its pre-provisioning profits grew 23 per cent to ₹109 crore. Repco's net interest income was higher at ₹138 crore against ₹116 crore. Total income from operations grew 12 per cent at ₹346 crore. While sanctions were lower at ₹632 crore when compared to ₹973 crore, disbursements stood at ₹602 crore (₹878 crore). The company said it could not do much lending for about two months starting mid-March due to Covid-19 crisis.

Business & Beyond

ECR appoints new Additional General Manager

Ashok Kumar has taken over the charge of Additional General Manager, East Central Railway, Hajipur. Prior to this, Kumar was working as Chief Administrative Officer (Construction). He belongs to Indian Railway Service of Engineers batch of 1984 and began his career with Indian Railways at Hapur, Northern Railway.

Vedanta launches Monsoon Preparedness Center

Vedanta's Jharsuguda plant, India's largest aluminium producer, has launched an innovative Monsoon Preparedness Center (MPC) equipped with required gear and apparatus for emergency planning and rescue preparedness in its plants. The MPC will monitor data from across the plant for rapid action in emergency cases, particularly during unpredictable monsoons. CN Singh, CEO – Vedanta Ltd, Jharsuguda said, "We are constantly innovating to realize our vision of becoming a Zero Harm, Zero Waste and Zero Discharge operation."

SAIL unveils website for mediclaim beneficiaries

Steel Authority of India limited (SAIL) has launched a unified website for around 1.2 lakh beneficiaries, who are availing of SAIL Mediclaim Scheme. The beneficiaries include the retired employees and their spouses. Considering the current situation of the coronavirus pandemic, where going out may not be possible for elderly people, the company promptly acted to provide a one-stop solution for its retired employees who can now access the facilities of the SAIL Mediclaim Scheme from the comfort of their home.

Rain washes out fourth day of third Test

Rain wiped out the fourth day's play at Old Trafford on Monday to frustrate England's bid for a series-clinching win over the West Indies and keep Stuart Broad waiting for his 500th Test wicket. Bad weather meant the whole of the penultimate day's play in the deciding third Test was washed out, with the umpires finally abandoning match after 4:00 pm.

Pandemic halts athletes' recruitment

Railways, Petroleum and Services sports boards unable to hold trials, wait for situation to improve

FIROZ MIRZA @Chennai

THE Covid-19 pandemic has not only brought sporting activities to a halt, but also cast a shadow on recruitment of athletes by various government and public sector units.

Railway Sports Promotion Board (RSPB), Petroleum Sports Promotion Board (PSPB) and Services Sports Control Board (SSCB) are the biggest employers for athletes in India. None of them have been able to start the recruitment process and chances of anything happening in the near future look slim.

The RSPB recruits around 400 athletes in 29 disciplines every year on sports quota. Apart from 16 divisions, nine production units of Railways field teams in zonal and national events. "The process has not started yet. Once the situation returns to normal, we will start recruitment," said RSPB secretary Premchand Lochab.

The official, however, claimed the pandemic will not force changes in the recruitment policy. But he added a few minor tweaks would be needed depending on the situation. "Those who excel in international and national events, can apply for jobs. Right now, no such competitions are possible. If this continues, we may take performance of the previous year into consideration. For this, RSPB will make a proposal to the Railway Board. We will ensure the athletes are not affected," added Lochab.

He informed the board has not issued any job advertisements yet. "We cannot have selection trials as mobility is a big issue. Usually such things start in December. At the moment, the process can only start after getting clarity."

The PSPB's calendar is ready but activities could not start due to the lockdown. "Normally recruitment happens before PSPB tournaments. March and April is when players are recruited. Sporting activities start in July depending on the nature of sports, whether indoor or outdoor," informed KL Tejwani, PSPB joint secretary.

PSPB promotes and recruits athletes from 20 sports. Among 12 oil companies, ONGC and Indian Oil are major recruiters. "Every company has its own policy. They also appoint a fixed number of athletes. Unfortunately, sports is not the priority now. When normalcy returns, these companies will start recruiting athletes."

He said athletes are hired in two categories. Top achievers are appointed on a permanent basis while youngsters aged 16-18 years are recruited under scholarship schemes or a contractual basis.

The SSCB is also still to work on its sporting calendar. "When we get clarity from the board or federations, we will chalk out our calendar," said group captain Manoj Kumar Mishra, SSCB secretary.

Sources informed that Indian Army reserves two per cent of jobs for athletes at every centre. The minimum eligibility is participation at national events and Class XII. Athletes have to undergo fitness tests and given the situation, such tests are not possible.

ODI Super Cup set to commence on Thursday

VENKATA KRISHNA B @Chennai

THE International Cricket Council (ICC) on Monday confirmed that the ODI Super League — which acts a qualification platform for the 2023 World Cup — will commence on July 30. England and Ireland will take part in the first series starting in Southampton.

Originally, the Super League featuring 13 teams (12 full members plus the Netherlands) was scheduled to begin in May. But due to the pandemic, three series had to be cancelled. There were even calls to scrap the Super League and retain ranking system to identify eight qualifiers.

However, with ICC pushing back the 2023 World Cup from February-March to October-November, the time problem was solved. "The decision to move the World Cup back to late 2023 gives us more time to schedule any games lost due to Covid-19 and preserve the integrity of the qualification process, meaning it will be decided on the field of play, which is important," ICC General Manager Geoff Allardice said.

While the pandemic situation has improved in some countries, sub-continent remains a hotspot. There is no certainty when activities will resume in India, Sri Lanka and Bangladesh. Though Pakistan has been looking to play at home, the situation might force them to look at UAE as their 'home' venue for the time being. However, ICC's decision to start the Super League is good news for most teams, especially the Netherlands, Ireland, Zimbabwe and Afghanistan as they are now guaranteed 24 matches in the next three years.

Full report: www.newindianexpress.com

Class nine

Juventus won their ninth straight Serie A title and 36th overall on Sunday with two matches to spare after a 2-0 win over Sampdoria...

RONALDO DOMINANCE

Cristiano Ronaldo started his Serie A campaign this season with just five goals in the first 10 games. He then picked up the pace, netting 26 goals in his last 22 matches. On Sunday, the 35-year-old once again opened the scoring.

AIDED BY STRUGGLING RIVALS

Juventus were just one point ahead of second-placed Lazio when football resumed on June 20 after the lockdown. Despite just two wins in their last six games, Sarri's side reaped the benefits of their rivals' shortfalls. Lazio's title battle fizzled on return — they were unbeaten for 21 matches before lockdown — as the team was hit with injuries and poor form.

31 Ronaldo has 31 goals this season in Serie A

10 Ronaldo scored 10 goals since the return from lockdown, more than any player in the top European leagues.

EXPRESS READ

Another loss for Anand in Legends chess meet

CHENNAI: Viswanathan Anand's struggles continued in the $150,000 Legends of Chess online tournament as he suffered his sixth consecutive defeat with a 2-3 loss to Ian Nepomniachtchi of Russia. With zero win in the tournament, the Indian ace lies ninth with three points.

IPL IN UAE

Will sponsorship be reviewed on August 1?

ATREYO MUKHOPADHYAY @Chennai

THE IPL Governing Council will have a meeting on Saturday to finalise details of staging the tournament in UAE from September 19. Representatives of the eight franchises are expected to attend the meeting, with members of the Governing Council led by chairman Brijesh Patel. Sponsorship review may also be discussed.

This will be an important meeting for the franchises as they have not heard anything from BCCI other than an announcement that the IPL will be held in UAE from September 19 to November 8. They need covering letters from BCCI for visa purposes. Players and support staff from certain other countries have to obtain travel clearance from their governments, for which also covering letters from BCCI are needed. The franchises want to train in UAE from the second half of August.

It will be the first meeting of the IPL Governing Council in some time. On June 19, the IPL's official handle @IPL had tweeted, "Taking note of the border skirmish that resulted in the martyrdom of our brave jawans, the IPL Governing Council has convened a meeting next week to review IPL's various sponsorship deals."

Chinese smartphone maker Vivo being the IPL's title sponsor, this was tweeted days after a number of Indian soldiers lost their lives in the Indo-China border. Asked if the meeting will discuss sponsorship review, Patel didn't say no. "Everything about IPL will be discussed," he said. However, with the start of IPL about six weeks away, changing the sponsor will be difficult.

Since that tweet, the Governing Council neither held a meeting nor announced whether to continue with Vivo's agreement or terminate it. In a five-year deal which started in 2018, Vivo is committed to ₹440 crore to BCCI per year. If it has to terminate the contract before 2022, BCCI may have to pay a hefty compensation.

Sports min clears event

CHENNAI: On a day the Emirates Cricket Board (ECB) confirmed that it has received a letter of intent from the BCCI to stage the Indian Premier League (IPL) in the United Arab Emirates, the board also obtained the mandatory clearance from the sports ministry. It is understood that the sports ministry sent its approval on Monday to the BCCI, allowing it to take the multi-million dollar T20 event out of the country. According to the sports ministry, subject to approval from the Ministry of External Affairs (MEA) and Union Home Ministry (MHA), BCCI can take the event overseas now. The BCCI confirmed the development and an official said they are now waiting for the next step, which is clearance from the MEA and MHA. Once they obtain these clearances, the BCCI would send its standard operating procedures (SOP) to the sports ministry for approval. According to the official, once they receive the approved SOP from the ministry, they would give it to the franchises.

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E-Auction Notice No. RWF/GSD/Sales Section/2020-21/02 Dated: 13-07-2020

On behalf of the PRESIDENT OF INDIA, Principal Chief Materials Manager, RWF invites E-Auction for the sale of scrap items (Ferrous/Non-Ferrous/Miscellaneous and Others)., online through the website http://www.ireps.gov.in E-Auction dates are given below: **11-08-2020, 20-08-2020, 29-08-2020, 09-09-2020, 19-09-2020, 29-09-2020, 09-10-2020, 19-10-2020, 29-10-2020.** E-auction catalogue can be viewed on our website **www.rwf.indianrailways.gov.in or www.ireps.gov.in,** before 7 days (Seven Days) from the date of E-auction. For detailed tender notice, please refer RWF website.

DY.CMM/DEPOT

Karnataka Government (An Autonomous Institution)
KARWAR INSTITUTE OF MEDICAL SCIENCES, KARWAR
E-Tender Notification
No: KIMS/e-Tender/47/2020-21 Date: 22.07.2020
Tenders are invited for **Supply of Stationary, Plumbing & Electrical items** at Karwar Institute of Medical Sciences, Karwar. The details of e-tender can be obtained from website. http://www.eproc.karnataka.gov.in.
1. Commencement of date for uploading of tender forms : 27.07.2020
2. Pre-bid Date : 11.08.2020
3. Last date for uploading the tender forms : 26.08.2020 Before 5:00 pm.
4. Opening of the technical bids : 28.08.2020
Sd/- Director, KIMS, Karwar

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Visit us at **www.meiswitchgears.com**
Ref. No.: MEIL/2020-21/Auction 5 to 41 Date : 27.07.2020
E-AUCTION NOTIFICATION
e-Auction is invited for sale and disposal of scrap items
For more details please visit us at **https://eproc.karnataka.gov.in** and contact Phone Nos.: 080-23379506 & 23379507.
Sd/- Manager (Materials)

KITCO the consultants
Corrigendum No 1 dated 22.07.2020
Corrigendum No 2 dated 24.07.2020
Ref: 1. Tender Reference Number : AD/KITCO/CL/53/2020
2. Tender ID : 2020_KITCO_371584_1
Name of Work: Establishment of International Research Institute of Ayurveda, Kannur
In connection with above tender, correction / modification is made in the original uploaded tender document under Corrigendum No. 1:
For further details please visit **www.etenders.kerala.gov.in**
All other clauses/terms and conditions of the above referred tender documents shall remain unchanged. This amendment shall form a part of the tender documents for the above tender.
Place: Kochi (Sd/-) , **GENERAL MANAGER**
Date: 24.07.2020 **KITCO LTD**
Funded by KERALA INFRASTRUCTURE INVESTMENT FUND BOARD (KIIFB)
(A statutory body under Finance Department, Govt.of Kerala)

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Mineral Separation Unit
Kovilthottam, Chavara, Kollam - 691583, Kerala State, India. Phone: (0476) 2680047, 2680048, 2682727, 2682700. Fax: 0476 2686442. URL: www.kmml.com, Email: hodms@kmml.com
SHORT TENDER NOTICE
Competitive tenders are invited for the supply of 1,40,000 Nos of Polythene Product Bags asper the specifications in the tender documents for MINERAL SEPARATION UNIT, KOVILTHOTTAM, CHAVARA, KOLLAM, KERALA. You may visit the E-tendering portal, https//etenders.kerala.gov.in, of the Govt. of Kerala for further details.
Any corrigendums in the future will be notified only in the KMML web site and Kerala Govt. e-tender portal.
Bid submission end date: 21/08/2020 at 05.00pm
Tender Reference No: MS/CD1/PP BAGS/01/2020-21 dtd 18/07/2020
Tender ID: 2020_KMML_373460_1
Sd/ Asst. General Manager & HOD (MS) for MANAGING DIRECTOR
Chavara 28/07/2020 The Kerala Minerals and Metals Ltd.

KARNATAKA POWER TRANSMISSION CORPORATION LIMITED
(CIN: U40109KA1999SGC025521)
No. KPTCL/B9/14703/20-21 Date: 24.07.2020
SHORT TERM TENDER NOTIFICATION
(In Karnataka Public Procurement Portal only)
KPTCL invites tenders from eligible bidders for the following works: **1.** Maintenance of Lawn, Garden, Statue, Fountain, Nursery in KPTCL portion of Kaveri Bhavan, Bengaluru (labour portion only) for a period of 12 months. (**Estimated cost of Rs.6.75 lakhs, including GST**).
2. Supply and Maintenance of Indoor potted plants on rental basis in KPTCL portion of Kaveri Bhavan, Bengaluru for a period of 12 months (**Estimated cost of Rs.1.85 lakhs, including GST**).
The offers will be received through Karnataka Public Procurement Portal only. Other details regarding qualifying requirements, EMD and details regarding participating in e-procurement process etc., can be obtained by logging onto KPTCL website: **https://kptcl.karnataka.gov.in** on hyperlink E-Procurement KPTCL or to **https://eproc. karnataka.gov.in** on or after **28.07.2020.** Any details required in this regard can be had from the office of the undersigned, during office hours (Tel.: 080-22238784).
Sd/- **Deputy General Manager (Tech), KPTCL, Kaveri Bhavan, Bengaluru.**

KARNATAKA POWER TRANSMISSION CORPORATION LIMITED
CIN: U40109KA1999SGC025521
No.CEE/TKR/TZ/SEE(O)/AEE-1/19-20/2875-77 Date:24.07.2020
BRIEF TENDER NOTIFICATION
(Through e-Procurement Mode Only)
KPTCL, invites tender against Bid Enquiry No.: **KPTCL/CEE/TZ/TKR/66kV/Line Pavagada-PR Pura/TTK/TL-07** for **Construction of The Balance work of 66kV S/C Tap line on D/C towers from existing 66kV Pavagada-Parashurampura S/C line to existing 66/11kV Nagalamadike S/s in the existing corridor (Replacement of existing 66kV Rabbit conductor by Coyote conductor) and Buy Back of released materials on Total Turnkey Basis including supply of all Materials / Equipments and Erection (including civil works) of all Materials / Equipments, Testing and Commissioning.**
The Bids will be received through **e-Procurement portal only.** The detailed notification regarding subject enquiry in the e-Procurement portal can be obtained by logging onto KPTCL website: **https://kptcl.karnataka.gov.in** on hyperlink "**e-Procurement-KPTCL**" or to **https://eproc.karnataka.gov.in on or after 30.07.2020.** Any other details can be obtained from the office of the undersigned during office hours.
Sd/- **Chief Engineer, Electy., Transmission Zone,** KPTCL, BH Road, Tumakuru. Tel: 080-22245349.

TRANSMISSION CORPORATION OF ANDHRA PRADESH LIMITED
NOTICE INVITING BIDS
1. The APTRANSCO (Transmission Corporation of Andhra Pradesh Limited) invites bids on e-procurement platform for supply of following equipment.

Sl. No.	Specification No.	Name of the equipment	Quantity in Nos.	Tender availability Date
1	PMM-22-e-16/2020	2.4 KVAR, 1 Phase, 36kV, 54.7Amps Air core Series Reactors Dry type **with supporting structure for 38kV, 7.2 MVAR** Capacitor Banks comprising of 200kVAR cells.	180 Nos.	28-07-2020
		2.4 KVAR, 1 phase,36kV, 54.7Amps Air core Series Reactors Dry type **without supporting structure**	25 Nos.	

2. The interests bidders are required to enroll themselves on the "e-procurement market place" at **www.tender.apeprocurement.gov.in**
3. Complete set of bidding documents are available at **www.tender.apeprocurement.gov.in.**
Phone/Fax No.0866-2429230, Extn:2040; 2031; 2034
Sd/- Chief Engineer/ Transmission, Vidyut Soudha, Vijayawada.
DIPR No.201PP/CL/ADVT/1/1/2020-21, Dt.24/07/2020

TUMKUR UNIVERSITY
Vishwavidyalaya Karyalaya, B.H. Road, Tumakuru-572103,
Phone: 0816- 2254546 Fax: 0816-2270719
No: TU/EX.VD/G&D/2020-21/949 Date:027.07.2020
Tender Notification (Through E-Procurement only)
Tumkur University has invited tender applications for Variable Date Printing On 13th Convocation Certificates for the Exam Section through e-procurement portal for the following:

Tender title	Publish date	Last date	Technical & Financial bids opening date
Tender for Variable Data Printing On Convocation Certificates	28.07.2020	28.08.2020	31.08.2020

Tender Applications will be received only through e-procurement portal. The details of the tender are notified on the website: www.eproc.karnataka.gov.in For more information you may contact the office of the following:
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Last date for submission of Tender application: 13.08.2020. The Sealed Single cover containing both the Technical and Financial bid and superscribed with **"Scope of the Work"** at NKKGH should be addressed to **General Manager (Admin), Reg Office: Ground Floor, B.M.T.C. Yeshwanthpur, T.T.M.C-Bus Stand Yeshwanthpur Circle, Bengaluru-22.** For more details and application form please contact Procurement Officer Ph No +91 8494922277 or Visit our Registered office at Yeshwanthpur.
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(Public Works, Ports & Inland Water Transport Department)
Office of the Executive Engineer, PWP & IWT Dept. Division, Madhugiri
No:EE/PWD/Dvn/AE-2/Tender/2020-21 Dated: 23.07.2020
Invitation For Short term Tender
Tender ref no: 03/2020-21
On behalf of Governor of Karnataka, The Executive Engineer, PW,P & IWTD Division, Madhugiri, invites tenders from eligible Tenderers,for the works. Total 1 Package Work (Madhugiri Taluk), Approx. amount for the work is **Rs.866.25Lakhs.** Tender documents may be downloaded from the e-procurement portal of the Govt. of Karnataka Viz.http://eproc.karnataka.gov.in.Tenders must be submitted through e-procurement portal on or before **13.08.2020** (up to 4.00 pm).Technical bids will be opened on **14.08.2020** after 4.15 Pm, Financial bid will be opened **18.08.2020** after 4.00 Pm . Further any other information can be seen from the e-procurement portal or can be had from the undersigned.
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Earnest Money Deposit	(Rs. 4,400/-only) (@ 2% of tendered value)
Security Deposit	(10.0% of tendered value)
Period of Completion	3 Years
Cost of Tender Document	(Rupees 500/-only) (Non-Refundable)
Tender Sale Period	From 29.07.2020 To 17.08.2020, Till 16.00 Hrs.
Due Date & time for submission of Tender	20.08.2020 Till 2.00 PM
Date & time of opening of Tender	20.08.2020, 2.30 PM
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Contact No.	PM(PO&M):0821-2406161 Dy.PM, (O-RF):0821- 2406640 Office :0821-2402154/0821-2406568

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Land Reforms

1. Amendment to Section 109 of Land Reforms Act permitting approved industrial projects to directly purchase specified agricultural land.
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Labour Reforms

1. Raising limits on applicability of provisions of Factories Act, Industrial Disputes Act and Contract Labour Act.
2. Raising limits under Factories Act permitting overtime to 125 hours in every quarter.
3. Notification under Industrial Employment Standing Order Act permitting Fixed Term Employment.

Industrial Policy 2020-25

1. Integrating Karnataka as part of Global Value Chains.
2. Factory of the Future - Industry 4.0, AI and IOT.
3. Easier Production Linked Incentives (PLI) in the GST regime.
4. Encouraging investment in Private Industrial Parks and Flatted Factories.
5. Industrial Townships for major Industrial Areas in the state.
6. Special Investment regions to be set up across the state.

Procedural Reforms

1. Amendment to the Industries Facilitation Act permitting approved projects to get deemed downstream clearances for more than 11 Govt approvals/ permissions up to 3 years based on self-certification and online payment of fees.

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1. Time bound clearances under Sakala Act.
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- **Quality infrastructure, uninterrupted power supply and water** provided to industrial layouts.
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- Boosting overseas investment through development of **Japanese Industrial Township (JIT).**
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DAY'S DIARY

Happy Birthday

Actor, singer and producer Dulquer Salmaan, popularly called as DQ, was born on this day in 1986. He works in Malayalam, Tamil, Telugu and Hindi films

FILM CAREER

His debut was in 2011 when Salmaan signed his friend Srinath Rajendran's debut project *Second Show* in which he played the role of a gangster. His next, *Ustad Hotel*, was a huge success

CLAIM TO FAME

Some of his famous films include *OK Kanmani*, *Salala Mobiles*, *Bangalore Days*, *Mahanati*, and *Pattam Pole*. He made his Bollywood debut with *Karwaan* in 2018

IN OTHER BIZ

Dulquer is a successful businessman as well. He is the director of Motherhood, a Bengaluru-based hospital, and owns a dental business in Chennai

Darshan's latest look goes viral

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'BLIND'ING LIGHTS

The demise of Bollywood actor Sushant Singh Rajput continues to open a can of worms. Kannada film stars weigh in with their views and experiences

Sharddha Srinath

• **Express Features**

Nepotism, 'blind items' and star discrimination... the world of glitz and glamour is making headlines, but for all the wrong reasons. The untimely demise of Sushant Singh Rajput has opened a can of worms on the subject which has been present in every generation but has always been swept under the carpet. While the debate trickled down to Sandalwood, actors from the industry state that nepotism does exist but it doesn't shadow the fact that there are individuals in the industry who are equally supportive.

Sandalwood hero Rakshit Shetty, who has been a part of the industry for many years, points out that while 'blind items' are not quite popular in Sandalwood, gossip definitely does the rounds. "However, gossip is something that nobody can control. Thinking of what is written and breaking your head over it is not the solution. There are crores of people out there, and everybody thinks in a different way. I believe in letting it go. People who love me, love me for my work," he says.

Giving a practical side to the debate, Shetty says the Kannada film industry isn't close to Bollywood, and it is unfair to compare the two which are culturally different. "I cannot comment about Bollywood, because I have not been there. But here, I have never felt like an outsider," says the engineer-turned-actor.

Critics bashing one's work has also been a point of concern for the star. He adds, "In the beginning, I would feel bad. But time has led me to think that everybody has a view, it depends on how people understand cinema. I am of the opinion that people expect the kind of films they have watched growing up, and if they see something different, they tend to make comparisons, and reviews are based on that." Agrees actor Sharddha Srinath, who has worked in both industries. "I have not heard or seen any blind items. It is hardly a culture in the south Indian film industry. There is nepotism, and it is we who encourage it. I don't know about camps and pulling down actors. I don't think it is present in the south. The struggle is only to find a good break and to pick good roles thereafter," says Srinath.

Director **K M Chaitanya** asserts that when it comes to critics in Sandalwood, they aren't spiteful and don't bash an artiste's career. "There is no personal axe to grind against any one. Even if they do, it's not seen in their writing. We know for a fact that many reviewers can't stand certain actors and directors and vice-versa. But it has remained cordial, and this is how it should be. I feel both the filmmakers and critics are aware of the market problems, and the size of the industry in comparison to Bollywood. We should not destroy it. They know you can condemn a film, criticise it but they are also aware that you can't bash it so bad, that people have to wash their hands off Kananda cinema. In fact, a lot of reviewers are more generous than they should be," says the director.

(With inputs from Monika Monalisa)

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> — Rakshit Shetty, actor

'I lost out on prime years due to damaging rumours'

• **A Sharadhaa**

Music maestro A R Rahman's revelation about a gang spreading false rumours in Bollywood, stopping him from getting work saw Bengaluru-based music director and singer, Raghu Dixit, coming out with a similar allegation. Dixit, who has composed music for films like *Psycho*, *Just Maatmaathalli* and *Love Mocktail*, claims to have experienced a similar situation wherein damaging reports about him were the reason for him to have lost out on work between 2009 and 2015. "I lost out on prime years because of rumours that were spread about me. Apparently, not knowing Kannada, always make an escape to London, dictating terms to directors, being difficult to work with were some of the rumours spread," he says, adding, "I have been voicing this issue for a long time through interviews, and it has come to limelight again with Sushant Singh Rajput's death."

Dixit, who is currently working on seven films, cites that agents and production managers (who recommend filmmakers to a producer, director or an actor) look towards getting a commission through music directors. "Back in the day, when I was approached for a movie, I wondered why there was a need for a booking agent. I then realised that most music composers work in a similar pattern [on a commission basis]. It's often that people offered work but are not paid for which is humiliating," he says.

He believes that the kind of work he should have got after two blockbuster albums, the price he could have commanded and the opportunities in other languages would have helped him grow. "But this loss is something irrecoverable. It's become a matter of survival rather than contribution anymore," says Dixit, who was accused in a #MeToo allegation in 2018.

Citing professional rivalry as the reason for the toxicity, Dixit says he has to 'rebuild' his career from scratch, and will eventually move to other industries if opportunities come by. "I want to gain the momentum and respect I had in 2008 and 2009. However, the regret of losing time is always there. If Rahman sir has to regret that he has lost his prime time, you can imagine a small fry like me. But there is hope with a new wave of filmmakers coming into Kannada films, wanting to work with me. It is great because their ideas are fresh and my music could sync," says Dixit.

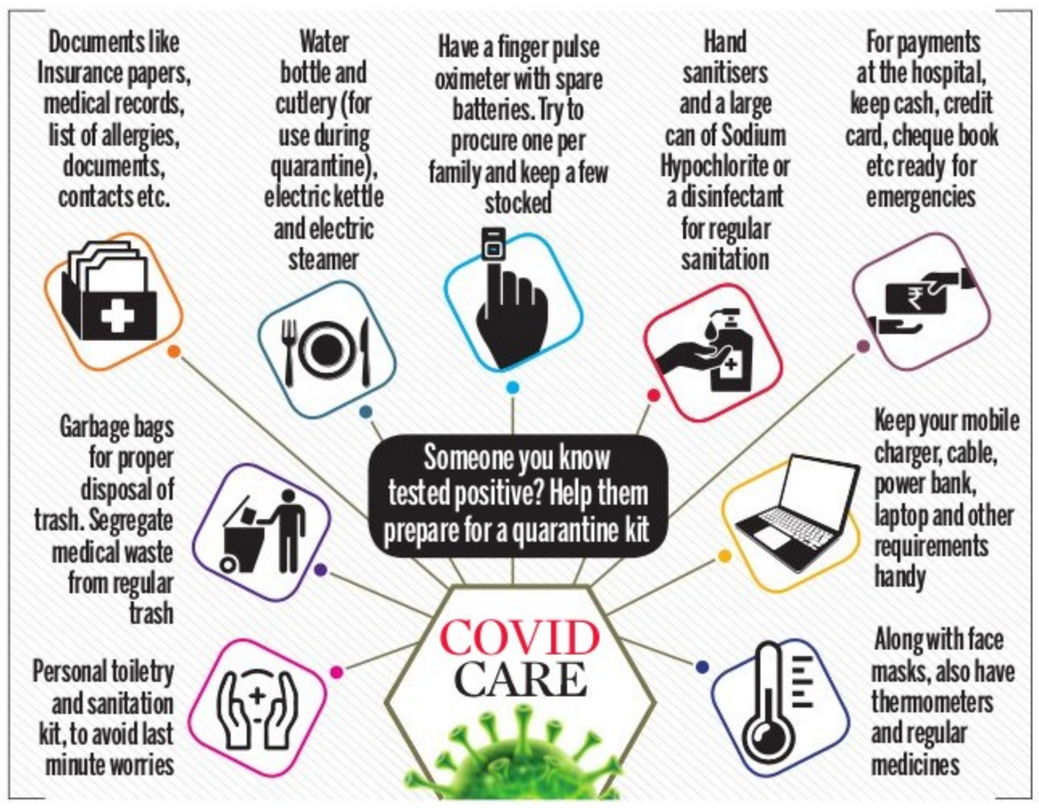
Raghu Dixit

In a nutshell

Taking to Instagram, Raghu Dixit wrote: "It happened even to the amazing maestro ARR! This interview kind of explains why it's not just important to do good work but also keep one's ears to the ground in this horrible industry. The same happened to me after giving two block busters - *Psycho* and *Just Maatmaathalli*. Ridiculous rumours were spread about me and career damaging news articles were written and I didn't get any films between 2009 to 2015.

Best part - I didn't even know about these rumours.

Worst part - I never wanted to know why I was not getting any work and therefore did not do anything about it. To all those who made enormous amounts of hard work to stop me - you can try all you want, but you can never ever keep a good man down forever. See me rise like a phoenix from now on. I promise everyone a glorious sunrise. (sic)"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Fresh dose of progressive metal

• **Muneef Khan**

City-based metal act Clouded North aka Thejus Nair's latest instrumental single, *BitterSweet*, comes two years after the release of his debut EP, *Resilience*. While the single, which was released on July 17, was written shortly after the release of the album, the producer-guitarist says the two bear no connection with each other. "BitterSweet is a representation of how your mind can go from being extremely calm to being filled with intense emotions, such as passion, rage and greed," he says, adding his duties as a live sound engineer also kept him busy during the two-year period.

Sonically, *Bittersweet* looks to encompass and deliver elements which a progressive metal listener would find ideal. With ample ambient and heavy parts topped by sudden shifts and dramatic elements, the song aims to leave the listener aurally satiated. "The songs I release are canvases wherein I try out a lot of ideas in terms of tones, mixing and recording techniques. I just wanted to take the time to experiment with a few ideas before putting it out there," says Nair.

Showcasing chunky yet smooth riffs paired along with double bass parts, the song also resonates with the patterns similar to Australian guitarist Plini, an artiste who Nair cites as a crucial inspiration behind the track. He adds, "Plini's arrangement style definitely inspired this song. A lot of artistes I listen to are of similar genres – progressive metal, progressive rock and metalcore. Other artistes who have been inspirations to my writing style are Misery Signals, Periphery, Monuments, Killswitch Engage and Architects."

While the ongoing pandemic has limited Nair to his studio, called Eleven Gauge Recordings, the halt on live shows has allowed him to undertake studio work – mixing – for a few artistes. Ask him whether this allows him to dish out more studio material, and he agrees. "I am busy with mixing mostly, as I'm able to handle the whole thing via e-mails. Some of it will be released in the next couple of months. It obviously isn't the same amount of work as before the lockdown, for obvious reasons, but I have no reason to complain. At least till the situation gets better, I will be trying to take up as many mixing projects as possible, as that's the safest option at the moment," he concludes.

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Thejus Nair

CITY READ

Virtual sustainability event held

FICCI FLO Bangalore hosted their first virtual sustainability event titled Catch Them Young. Close to 97 students from various schools in the city participated in the online competition to find solutions on reusing and recycling wastage of water, food, paper and e-waste in schools.

Tribute paid to Kargil martyrs

Big Biking Commune, an aggregator platform for the biking community stepped in to support Umesh Gopinath Jadhav, founder of Muzicause, a music band for a cause by hosting a remembrance event on 21st Kargil Vijay Diwas . The event had Brigadier Bhupinder Singh Kang and Retd Col Tapash Kumar Basu, who spoke about the Kargil war and paid a tribute of silence to the soldiers who lost their lives.

IDLI UPMA

INGREDIENTS

- **Left over idli:** 4
- **Dried curd chilli (mor milagai):** 3
- **Urad dal:** 1 tsp
- **Mustard seeds:** 1 tsp
- **Curry leaves:** a sprig
- **Gingelly oil:** 2 tbsp

METHOD

- Crumble the idlis.
- Heat a wok on medium flame. Pour oil and let it become warm.
- Add urad dal and mustard seeds. When it splutters, add curd chilli. Roast it well to reduce the spice.
- When it turns brown add curry leaves and crumbled idli.
- Serve hot.

– Rama Shecar, Kochi

QUICK FIX

What's cooking IN YOUR KITCHEN DURING THIS LOCKDOWN?

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NATURE TALK

PUPATION

- Period of necessary dormancy.
- A time of going inwards - allowing for a metamorphosis.
- In a sense, a vision-quest in quiescence, stillness.

– by M Yuvan

BRIGHT SPOT

MEET THE NEW SUPERHERO

When his neighbour's dog charged at six-year-old Bridger Walker's sister, he knew he had to save his sister, and so let the dog attack him. This left him with 90-plus stitches on his face. When his aunt posted this story of Bridger's heroic deed on Instagram, she tagged the actors of the Avengers movie franchise. And to her surprise every one of them responded. While Chris Evans (Captain America) shared a video promising to send him an authentic Captain America shield, Iron Man actor Robert Downey Jr. called him "a rock star" and promised "something special" for his next birthday. Chris Pratt also praised the big brother's action as "true courage." In a video-call with the family, Tom Holland invited Bridger to visit the set of Spiderman 3. Bridger's aunt had also mentioned that he loved Geology and many well-wishers mailed him rock specimens. And that's not all. Musician Bret Michaels gifted him a guitar and the World Boxing Council sent across a World Champion belt, declaring him "The bravest man on Earth".

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MOTHERHOOD SESSIONS

On Motherhood Sessions, Dr Alexandra Sacks, a renowned reproductive psychiatrist sits down with mothers and lets us listen in on conversations that are hard to have outside of a therapist's office.

- On Stitcher

POPULAR ON YOUTUBE

RAMA RAMA RE...

An escaped death row convict ends up taking a road trip with an old man on a personal mission and a young couple trying to elope.

- Cast: K Jayaram, Nataraj, Dharmanna Kadur

DHOL

Guru falls in love with Priya, who is the sister of a wealthy industrialist, Nanda. When Nanda learns about Guru, he is furious and tries to separate him from his sister.

- Cast: Yogesh, Aindrita Ray, Prakash Raj

SHRAVANI SUBRAMANYA

When Shravani finds out that her boyfriend, Sudeep, is a thug, she attempts to escape from his clutches. Subramanya, a budding singer, tries to save her from Sudeep.

- Cast: Ganesh, Amulya

SOORASAMHARAM

Pandian, a police officer, sets out to take revenge on a drug lord for the murder of his best friend, Arun. However, Pandian gets abducted by the criminal and is forced into drug addiction.

- Cast: Kamal Haasan, Janagaraj, Nirosha

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WHAT'S ON TED TALKS

1 WHY IS VERMEER'S "GIRL WITH THE PEARL EARRING" CONSIDERED A MASTERPIECE? BY JAMES EARLE

What makes Dutch Master Johannes Vermeer's "Girl with the Pearl Earring" – a painting often referred to as the 'Mona Lisa of the North' – so captivating? James Earle explains how it represents the birth of a modern perspective on economics, politics, and love.

2 WHY SHAKESPEARE LOVED IAMBIC PENTAMETER BY DAVID T. FREEMAN AND GREGORY TAYLOR

A quick peek into the rhythm of Shakespeare's words reveals a poet deeply rooted in the way people spoke in his time. Why do Shakespeare's words have such staying power? David T. Freeman and Gregory Taylor uncover the power of iambic pentameter.

3 THE SCIENCE OF SPICINESS BY ROSE EVELETH

When you take a bite of a hot pepper, your body reacts as if your mouth is on fire. Rose Eveleth details the science and history behind spicy foods, giving insights into why some people continue to pay the painful price for a little spice.

4 WHAT HAPPENS WHEN BIOLOGY BECOMES TECHNOLOGY? BY CHRISTINA AGAPAKIS

In this talk, biological designer Christina Agapakis details her work in synthetic biology – a multidisciplinary area of research that pokes holes in the line between what's natural and artificial – and shares how breaking down boundaries between science, society, nature and technology can lead us to imagine differently.

5 THE COVID-19 CRISIS IS A CHANCE TO DO CAPITALISM DIFFERENTLY BY MARIANA MAZZUCATO

Economist Mariana Mazzucato explains why we shouldn't try to go back to normal after the pandemic but should instead rethink how governments work together with businesses to solve big problems.

FIT BIT

ARDHA PINCHA MAYURASANA

(DOLPHIN POSE)

In Sanskrit, 'Ardha' means 'half', 'Pincha' means 'feathers', 'Mayura' means 'peacock' and 'Asana' means 'pose'. It is also known as the Puppy Pose or the Half Feathered Peacock Pose. It is an excellent beginning pose that brings more blood flow to the head, strengthens the upper body, and prepares the practitioner for arm balances. This asana resembles an inverted 'V'. It is the best alternative for those who cannot do the Sirsasana.

STEPS

- Stand straight. Now come into the chair pose.
- Lower the forearms to the floor, tuck the toes under and lift the hips up towards the ceiling, or get down on the knees and hands.
- Slowly place the elbows on the mat, ensure the elbows and shoulders are parallel.
- Free the neck by lifting the shoulders away from the ears. Fingers must point forward in line with the shoulders.
- Continue to press the forearms, palms and fingers into the floor. At the same time, press the hips back and up.
- Keep the back flat and don't let your chest drop toward the ground. Press the heels into the ground.
- Rest your forehead on the ground and feel a stretch in the back of the legs.
- Position the body in an upside-down 'V' shape.
- Stay here for 30-60 seconds. Take long breaths.
- To release the posture, come to the table pose and rest in child pose.

– by N Elumalai, PhD scholar (Yoga Science) at Meenakshi Academy of Higher Education & Research, Chennai

BENEFITS

- Strengthens the back, abdomen, legs, neck, chest, mid and lower back, hips and hamstrings.
- Stimulates the nervous system.
- Helps increase attention and concentration by increasing blood flow to the brain.
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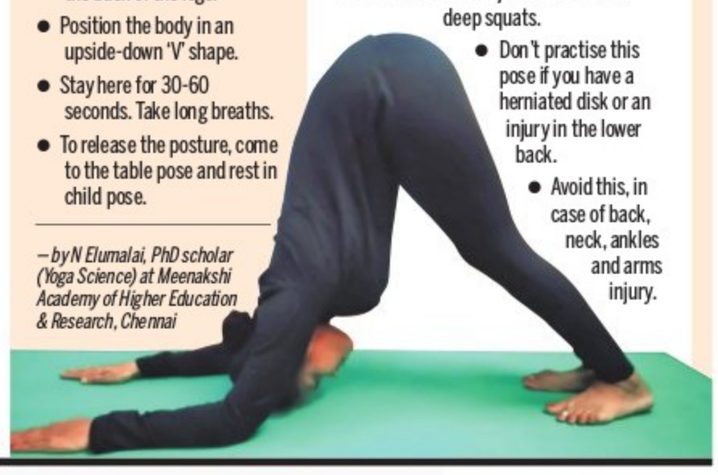
- Improves digestion by stimulating digestive organs.
- Helps reduce belly fat.

LIMITATIONS

- Practise this early in the morning. But if you choose to practise in the evening, maintain a 3-5 hour gap between the practise and meal.
- Those with knee injuries must avoid deep squats.
- Don't practise this pose if you have a herniated disk or an injury in the lower back.
- Avoid this, in case of back, neck, ankles and arms injury.



NOW STREAMING

REGIONAL

DIL BECHARA (Hindi)

Based on the novel 'The Fault in Our Stars' by John Green, Dil Bechara revolves around Kizie and Manny, two cancer patients and how their lives get intertwined.

- Cast: Sushant Singh Rajput, Sanjana Sanghi, Saif Ali Khan
- Watch on: Disney+Hotstar
- Registration: ₹ 399 per year

MUGAMOODI (Tamil)

In order to impress Shakthi, Bruce Lee wears a superhero costume and performs martial arts techniques. However, he gets involved in a police chase and helps the officers seize the offenders.

- Cast: Jiiva, Pooja Hegde, Nasser
- Watch on: Netflix
- Registration: ₹199 per month

AMMACHI YEMBA NENAPU (Kannada)

Based on three short stories written by Sahitya Akademi Award winning writer Vaidehi. All the stories revolve around women in different stages of their lives, and how they suffer at the hands of men in a patriarchal society.

- Cast: Raj B. Shetty, Vyjayanti V. Adiga, Diya Palakkal
- Watch: Amazon Prime
- Registration: ₹ 129 per month

KAAKAN (Marathi)

A young boy tries to reunite lovers who were separated because of the differences in their social class after 32 years.

- Cast: Ashutosh Gaikwad, Jitendra Joshi, Urmila Kothare
- Watch on: Netflix
- Registration: ₹ 199 per month

FRENCH BIRIYANI (Kannada)

Simon, representative of a pharmaceutical company from France, and Asgar, local auto driver from Shivajinagar, share a two-day long journey in Bengaluru. That twisted journey with comedy of errors changes the way they look at life.

- Cast: Danish Sait, Disha Madan, Sal Yusuf
- Watch on: Amazon Prime
- Registration: ₹129 per month

All the streaming apps can be accessed on smartphones and smart TVs with Internet connection.

EVARU (Telugu)

Vikram, a police inspector, is tasked with catching the killer of a senior officer who has allegedly raped Sameera. When he starts investigating, he encounters dark secrets tied to his past.

- Cast: Adivi Sesh, Regina Cassandra, Navin Chandra
- Watch on: Amazon Prime
- Registration: ₹129 per month

MANTO (Hindi)

Saadat Hasan Manto, an established story writer in the Indian film industry, is devastated when his family is forced to flee to Pakistan due to the tensions between the Hindus and Muslims.

- Cast: Nawazuddin Siddiqui, Rasika Duggal, Tahir Bhasin, Rishi Kapoor
- Watch on: Netflix
- Registration: ₹199 per month

ENGLISH/FOREIGN

TERMINATOR: DARK FATE (English)

In Mexico City, a newly modified liquid Terminator – the Rev-9 model – arrives from the future to kill a young factory worker named Dani Ramos. Also sent back in time is Grace, a hybrid cyborg human who must protect Ramos from the seemingly indestructible robotic assassin. But the two women soon find some much-needed help from a pair of unexpected allies – seasoned warrior Sarah Connor and the T-800 Terminator.

- Cast: Linda Hamilton, Arnold Schwarzenegger, Mackenzie Davis
- Watch on: Disney+Hotstar
- Registration: ₹399 per year

TOMORROWLAND: A WORLD BEYOND (English)

Frank, a former inventor, and Casey, a curious teenager, embark on a dangerous mission to unravel the secrets of Tomorrowland, an unexplored dimension in time and space.

- Cast: Britt Robertson, Raffey Cassidy, George Clooney, Pierce Gagnon
- Watch on: Disney+Hotstar
- Registration: ₹ 399 per year

A SEASON IN FRANCE (French)

An African high-school teacher flees from the country during a war. He reaches France where he falls in love with a woman, who gives him and his family shelter.

- Cast: Sandrine Bonnaire, Eriq Ebouaney, Ibrahim Burama Darboe
- Watch on: Amazon Prime
- Registration: ₹ 129 per month

BASED ON A TRUE STORY (French)

Although she is wading through her own personal crisis, a writer becomes involved with an obsessive admirer.

- Cast: Eva Green, Emmanuelle Seigner, Vincent Perez, Dominique Pinon
- Watch on: Amazon Prime
- Registration: ₹ 129 per month

Salesperson display sarees to customers at Deepam Silks, Jayanagar | SHRIRAM BN

Saree and jewellery store owners rue the low-key Varamahalakshmi celebrations owing to increasing numbers of Covid-19 cases

EAT, PRAY, LOVE

This year the celebration will be slightly different, with only family members in attendance. While I've tried to keep the festival as close to the original way, I still miss the celebratory feel
—**Namratha Nayak,** IT professional

Monika Monalisa

For Namratha Nayak, Varamahalakshmi has always been about family, food and fun. Guests trickle in through the day to catch a glimpse of her deity decoration and get a taste of the elaborate dishes– *holige, laddu, semiya payasa, masala vade, kosambari, poori, kadale kaalu gojju, kadale kaalu usali*. But this Friday, the celebrations are going to be low-key owing to the pandemic. "This year the celebration will be slightly different, with only family members in attendance. While I've tried to keep the festival as close to the original way, I still miss the celebratory feel," says the IT professional.

Not just Nayak, it's the story of most households who are keeping things simple this Varamahalakshmi. The preparation at Nayak's household starts almost a month in advance with the making of a checklist, followed by festive shopping for clothes and decorations. Even with curfews and lockdowns, Nayak managed her shopping mostly online, only stepping out for essential items. "This time I did all of that but it's just not going to be same," says Nayak, who has grown up celebrating the festival.

As the number of Covid-19 positive cases in the city are shooting up by the day, footfall at saree stores has drastically come down. "The footfall this year has been very low in comparison to the last, however, sales on our online portal has been decent," says Vijaysekhar Ravi, director, Deepam Silk. He adds, "Prices are still reasonable and haven't been increased. Once the pandemic is over, silk rates and craftsmanship charges will go up."

But stores without a digital presence find their sales affected. "Because of the outbreak of Covid-19, sales had come down. Now, with Varamahalakshmi round the corner, there is some sale. Many people are taking the online route because of the risk involved in stepping out," says GS Srinivas, owner of Smirti Silks in south Bengaluru.

Even jewellery shops are witnessing a similar pattern, especially with gold prices skyrocketing. "Our sales are around 40-45 per cent down compared to last year. Although there is an option of online shopping, customers like to touch and feel the jewellery before buying. With the current situation, they don't want to step out," says Yeshwanth Raj, co-owner, Sri Ganapathi Jewellers, Jayanagar.

Can we make the virus kneel down?

OPEN SPACE
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This year for the annual school excursion, the students will be taken on a visit to their schools." So goes the meme. And this shows the topsy-turvy world we are living in today.

School gates are shut. When will they reopen? No one knows, not even the education minister. Perhaps, only the novel coronavirus can tell!

We have to understand that the Covid-19 pandemic is primarily a health crisis. But its extraordinary ripple effect has not spared any sector. There is all-round concern about the virus and the resultant education mess.

And the government has rightly decided to shut educational institutions – from schools to universities. But closure of schools does not mean vacation and children have not been sent home to play. The idea is to keep them safe from the virus and that they continue their education at home.

For some children, initially the idea of prolonged stay at home may have been bliss – with no lessons, no homework and no exams. But being stuck without friends, with too many restrictions on their movement can cause them stress.

School is not a place just to learn lessons in the textbooks, but life's lessons like learning to adjust, to socialise, to cooperate, to play, have healthy competition etc. In short, learn social skills.

Are there ways to mitigate the effects of prolonged school closures? One is 'home schooling'. Today every house is a school, every parent a teacher and drawing room a classroom. Looks like the virus is reshaping our education system.

While 'homework'— home schooling– could be fun, frustrating, exciting, inspiring and maddening, it can never replace the school, the face-to-face interactions. Parents who may also be working from home may find it tough to divide their time between children's studies and their work.

On the other side, teaching is moving from chalk and board to the click of a mouse on an untested scale. In schools where online classes are on, it is creating a digital divide between haves and have-nots, urban and rural and those with skills and those without. What can schools do to address this gap? The greatest concern for parents is the screen time the children are exposed to. To put it in a humorous way, a child asks her mother whether she should place a mobile instead of books in front of the Goddess of Learning on Saraswathi Puja day to seek her blessings!

Parents don't want to send their children to school till the cases drop to near zero. Already the chorus is getting shriller.

One thing is for sure. Things may never return to the way they were before the novel coronavirus went viral globally. But schools have to reopen some day. When that happens, what will the return to school be like?

Meanwhile, the prolonged lockdown of educational institutions could threaten the right to education. But what is the way out?

As the joke goes, if schools are closed for long, mothers are sure to find a vaccine before the scientists!

Illustration • Tapas Ranjan

TOPPERS

NATIONAL PUBLIC SCHOOL (CLASS 10- ICSE)

92% Rishon Jose

89% Rishik R

JNANA VIJNANA VIDYAPEETHA (CLASS 10- CBSE)

95.8% Arpitha Ashok Shenoy

89% Manjushree V.G

88.6% Kruthika Simha

87.6% Shreya Praveen

85.8% Nidhi Gaonkar

Sibling love

To wish his sister Kubbra Sait on her birthday, actor Danish Sait shared a cute childhood picture of both of them. He says, "My dearest didi, happy B'day! Have a fantastic year. I love you, thanks for constantly bringing back my attention to things that matter."

Planting a better tomorrow

Express Features

Like many others, Harsha Tej has extra time on his hands due to the turn the pandemic has caused his life to take. The co-founder of Green Garage, which is a landscaping company, has seen his business come to a halt in the current situation and decided to make the best of it by finally pursuing his dream of carrying out an afforestation programme in the city. On July 24, Tej along with a team of 12 others, planted 500 saplings at Bangalore University. After having started a crowdfunding initiative on July 4, it took the team two days to reach their target of ₹50,000 for their urban jungle project. "We knew that we could approach corporates to raise the money but we decided to take it to the public so they have a personal connect with it as well," says Tej.

While the initial plan was to plant the saplings in August, the rising number of cases in the city prompted the 25-year-old to carry out the drive earlier. "I was scared that if I contracted the virus, the project would just get further delayed," says Tej. Sandalwood stars **Diganth Manchale** and Aindrita Ray also helped with planning and back-end work that went into the initiative. Through the funds raised, the team managed to procure the plants, dug trenches, added manure and are currently waiting for the irrigation pipes to be laid. "This is to provide water to the trees for three years until they can sustain themselves," says Tej, who would like to bring back the 'Garden City' tag of Bengaluru through such projects. "The world is not moving in the right direction. We're taking too many natural resources from the environment," he adds. Inspired by the success of this project, Tej now plans to scale his efforts for the next one and is looking at planting 2,000 saplings either in August or September this year.

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—**Harsha Tej,** co-founder, Green Garage

CITY READ

New consignment arrives at KIAL

KIAL processed a consignment of 24,200 ornamental fish recently, which arrived from Thailand. This consignment was transported to Kozhikode with approvals from Indian Customs and the Animal Quarantine Services.

LOVEOLOGY
Mahesh Natarajan

WITNESS TO LOVE

Picture for representational purpose

There is something wonderful about witnessing someone experiencing being in love.

There is a lightness about their being, a spryness in their walk, a twinkle in their eyes, and just the hint of a smile on their lips. You can see it a mile away and, when in close quarters, it almost feels like those feelings flow out and lift up those around them. There is a certain energy in that which is just delectable, like the sweetness of the honey flowing out of an over-full beehive bringing in eager bears who wanted the same in their life. That is just exactly the kind of energy that attracts and one to the person in love.

It is a story you find in every major love story – the story of the ubiquitous best friend who is helping out the one in love, who does all the labour of creating situations or escaping people that are against the lovers, just so the lover can get closer and closer to the object of their love. Shakespeare had it, and the old classics have it in whatever language you read them in, whether in Sanskrit or Tamil or Kannada or any other languages – the trope of the friend helping out the person in love is always there. Even in most of the modern love stories on screens, there is a wingperson or two for the star or the stars of the film. The love of the leads is only one part of the story – the stories of those supporting the lovers and even basking in it are rarely the centre of the stories we read or watch but they are just as rich and sometimes even sweeter that the main love story as it were.

In real life, it might not happen as often as one might like. Perhaps one would be lucky to have helped a friend or two find each other, fall in love and enjoy that experience. In families, maybe the odd sibling or cousin might have had the experience. The rare parent might experience the sweetness of seeing their child go through these feelings, and if they did much of the parenting really right, might even be allowed to participate in bringing that together. If and when one really sees it happen, it is like seeing magic unfold in front of you and that is really something special and wholly different from experiencing it for oneself – somewhat like watching an artist paint a masterpiece versus just seeing the finished work of art.

The jealous sibling or the covetous neighbour who would kill to try and take the love for oneself, only to see it disappear in tears knows this – the pleasure of seeing something as magnificent as love expressing itself and truly enjoying it requires one very special characteristic – the ability to witness without envy, a compassion that seeks not to possess but just to appreciate, a spirit that can enable without needing to own for oneself.

Loving others being in love is something precious in itself..

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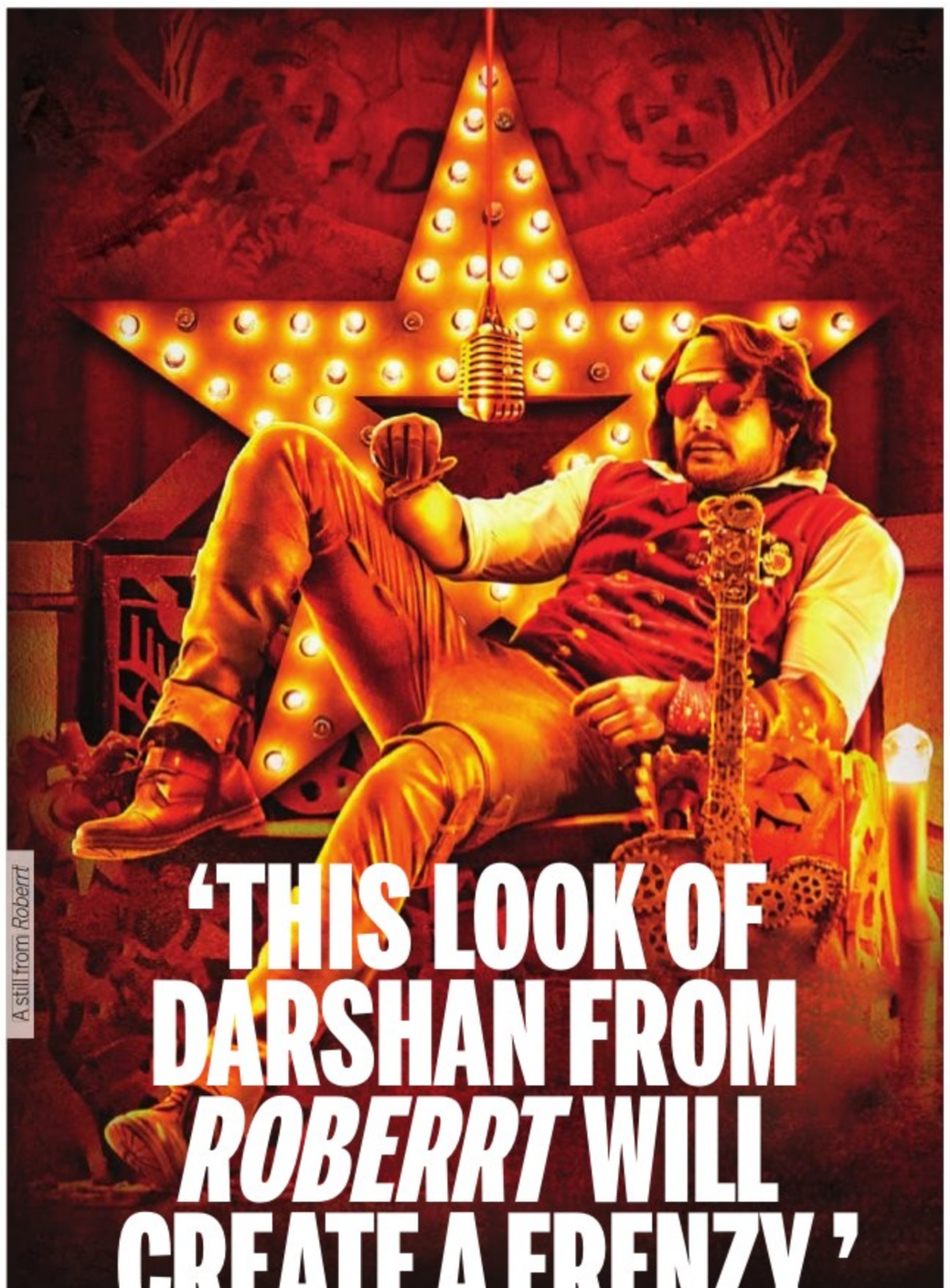

A still from *Roberrt*

'THIS LOOK OF DARSHAN FROM *ROBERRT* WILL CREATE A FRENZY'

says director Tharun Kishore Sudhir about the poster which was released on Monday

• **A Sharadhaa**

The latest poster from *Roberrt*, featuring Darshan, was released on Monday, which was also producer S Umapathy's birthday. Already having gone viral, Darshan's look comes with a lot of glitz in the background. The poster sees the Challenging Star sporting his signature style, along with a hanging microphone, cigar, and a mechanical guitar. The look has been trending ever since the release of the poster.

Director Tharun Kishore Sudhir, who has made sure to release the posters and updates on festive occasions, says, "The poster is filled with vibrant colour and positivity. Unlike the previous posters of *Roberrt*, which portrayed some kind of intense action, we wanted to bring out that happy moment through this poster." Although the director did not wish to reveal many details, he mentioned that this look of Darshan comes at a situation which will create a fan frenzy moment, and will be acknowledged with loud whistles." "The costume was custom-made by our technicians. This makes it all the more special," he adds.

Roberrt was initially slated to release on April 9, this year, however, had to be postponed due to the pandemic. Since then, the makers have not fixed any release date. The film colloborates, the actor, director and producer for the first time, which features Darshan in two shades. Roberrt also marks the debut of Asha Bhat in Kannada. The ensemble cast comprises Jagapathi Babu, Vinod Prabhakar, Sonal Monteiro, Ravi Kishan, Shivaraj K R Pete, Chikkanna and Dharamanna Kadur appearing in prominent roles. The film's music is composed by Arjun Janya while Sudhakar S Raj is the director of photography.

Rachita Ram to team up again with makers of *Pushpaka Vimana*

Actor confirms her talks with director S Ravindranath, and producer Vikhyath for an interesting project

Director Ravindranath

Producer Vikhyath

• **CE Features**

The lockdown has not deterred actor Rachita Ram in her work, and she is utilising this time to read scripts and sign projects. The actor is teaming up again with producer Vikhyath in *Pushpaka Vimana*, which is directed by S Ravindranath. The Dimple Queen, who has lined up projects like *April, Veeram, Lilly,* now has this film in her kitty. *Pushpaka Vimana* was Ramesh Aravind's 100th film, and saw Rachita in a lawyer's role, which got her critical acclaim. Confirming the news, Rachita told *CE*, "Yes, I am in talks with *Pushpaka Vimana* director and producer. Having worked with director Ravindranath in his directorial debut, I have figured he has a knack of casting heroines. This time, yet again, Vikhyath and he have come up with good content, and a character that I have never played before," she mentions. More details about the film, made under Vikhyath Chitra, will be revealed once she signs on the dotted line.

Rachita is looking forward to the release of *100* directed by Ramesh Aravind, followed with Prem's *Ek Love Ya*. The actor also has *Daali* with Dhananjay, besides a Telugu project — *Super Machi*, for which she has completed shooting.

Rachita Ram

Shooting for Aanand L Rai's *Atrangi Re* to start October in Madurai

• **CE Features**

Aanand L Rai's Atrangi Re, starring Akshay Kumar, Sara Ali Khan and Dhanush, went on floors in March, just weeks before the nationwide lockdown was announced due to the coronavirus pandemic. The first schedule of the film was shot in Varanasi and the team is planning to resume the second schedule this October in Madurai. This will be followed by shooting with Akshay Kumar in Delhi and then Mumbai, for more than a month.

The romantic drama is said to follow two parallel narratives from different timelines. Sara is expected to play a dual role, with Dhanush and Akshay playing her lovers in each track.

Written by Himanshu Sharma and produced by Colour Yellow Productions, Atrangi Re has music by AR Rahman.

"During this lockdown, I've taken out a lot of time to prepare for the upcoming schedules of Atrangi Re. I'm really excited to start the next schedule which is planned to happen in Madurai October onwards and then with Akshay for a month in Delhi and Mumbai, with all the safety precautions of course," Anand said in a statement.

'Suicide Or Murder not a biopic'

When it was announced last week that TikTok sensation Sachin Tiwari, lookalike of late actor Sushant Singh Rajput, is starring in a film titled *Suicide Or Murder,* film industry watchers were quick to infer that the film in question is a biopic of Sushant.

The film's director Shamik Maulik, however, hastens to quash such ideas. The film is neither a biopic nor does it deal with Sushant's death, he insists. — IANS

Aishwarya, Aaradhya Bachchan corona-free

• **CE Features**

Aishwarya Rai Bachchan and daughter Aaradhya Bachchan, who were admitted in the Nanavati Hospital Mumbai have tested negative for Coronavirus now and have returned to their home. They had tested positive for COVID-19 on July 12 and opted for self-isolation at home. Since they developed mild symptoms on July 17, they were moved to the hospital. The news was shared by Abhishek Bachchan on his Twitter handle.

Meanwhile, Amitabh Bachchan and Abhishek Bachchan who were the first ones in the family to get infected by the virus are still admitted at the same facility. They had tested positive on July 11. Jaya Bachchan, and Amitabh's daughter Shweta Bachchan Nanda tested negative.

Sushant Singh encouraged me to make my first film, says director

Mukesh Chhabra who also pays tribute to his late friend as he talks about *Dil Bechara* which premiered on Disney+ Hotstar last week

• **Shilajit Mitra**

On June 14, soon after the news of Sushant Singh Rajput's suicide broke, Dil Bechara director Mukesh Chhabra was flooded with calls. In a firmly-worded tweet, he urged the media to let him be, adding that the loss had left him numb and distraught. "Mind is a tyrant," he tweeted a day later.

It's been over a month since Sushant's passing. In the interim, Mukesh returned to promote his debut directorial, which premiered on Disney+ Hotstar on July 24. An adaptation of The Fault in Our Stars, Dil Bechara marks Sushant's final release, a bittersweet tale of love and loss tinged by the actor's untimely demise at 34.

In this interview, Mukesh speaks about preserving Sushant's legacy, his memories of working with him over the years, the Dil Bechara soundtrack composed by AR Rahman and the need to prioritise mental health in turbulent times.

Excerpts from the interview:

Sushant's suicide has left everyone shaken. What is your state of mind right now?

I'm doing okay. Things are still sinking in. It's been a two-year-long journey with the film and I don't know which side to lean on. He was like my brother and always supported and helped me. We've always been there for each other. Dil Bechara was a dream that we envisioned together.

How did this project start?

I'd known Sushant since Kai Po Che! He was always aware I wanted to direct my own film. In 2017, he encouraged me to make the jump and promised to work with me. I got the script of Dil Bechara from Rucha Pathak at Fox Star Studios. When I told Sushant this is the film I wanted to make, he immediately said 'yes' without even reading it.

I was the casting director on his first film and ended up directing him on his last one. When I see the film now, its meaning for me has completely changed. With every film, he always gave a beautiful message. With Dil Bechara, too, he'd want people to enjoy every moment of life.

The film's album has been widely appreciated, including the title track video featuring Sushant.

As a first-time filmmaker, I was extremely lucky to have Rahman sir on board. I went to Chennai and narrated the story to him. For the title track, I wanted a simple song in the college campus setting that people could hum. Like magic, he went to his room and created the tune. And then Amitabh (Bhattacharya) wrote the lyrics.

He was like my brother and always supported and helped me. We've always been there for each other. *Dil Bechara* was a dream that we envisioned together

— **Mukesh Chhabra,** director

When it came to shoot, Sushant always wanted a single-shot song. He'd seen Gallan Goodiyaan from Dil Dhadakne Do (2015) and wanted to do something similar. Finally, (choreographer) Farah (Khan) designed the song and didn't charge any money for the film. We prepped for two days and Sushant nailed it in one take.

What is your fondest memory of the actor?

I will deeply miss his charm. He was an intelligent, supportive, fun-loving person. He'd always be smiling and indulging you in a conversation. We shot the film in Jamshedpur and Paris. During breaks, we used to go around town and ride bikes. We never realised when we completed the film, it was such a fun journey throughout.

There's been a lot of debate and name-calling after his suicide. What's your perspective on all this?

Honestly, I have stayed away from social media all this while. I don't want to think about it right now. My responsibility right now is to complete the film and make it reach his fans. Having said that, I feel discussions on mental health are important. Not just actors, but everyone should take care of their mental well-being. Even in my workshops, I tell people to learn to control their mind. In today's world, almost everyone is going through some kind of mental-illness. It's imperative that we prioritise mental health in all aspects of life.

The film also stars Sanjana Sanghi as the female lead. How did you choose her?

I've known Sanjana since she was 13. I'd seen her in a few ads and later in Rockstar (2014). I wanted Kizie to be a fresh face and felt she was correct for the film. It was important the audience felt an instant connection with her character. Sanjana is an amazing actor. She has done a wonderful job in a difficult part.